

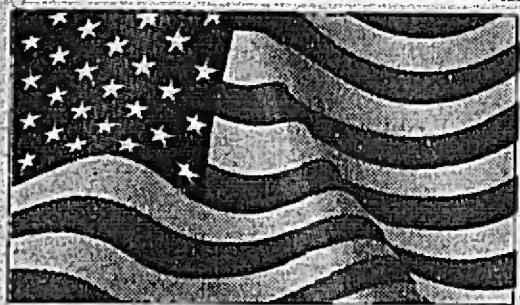
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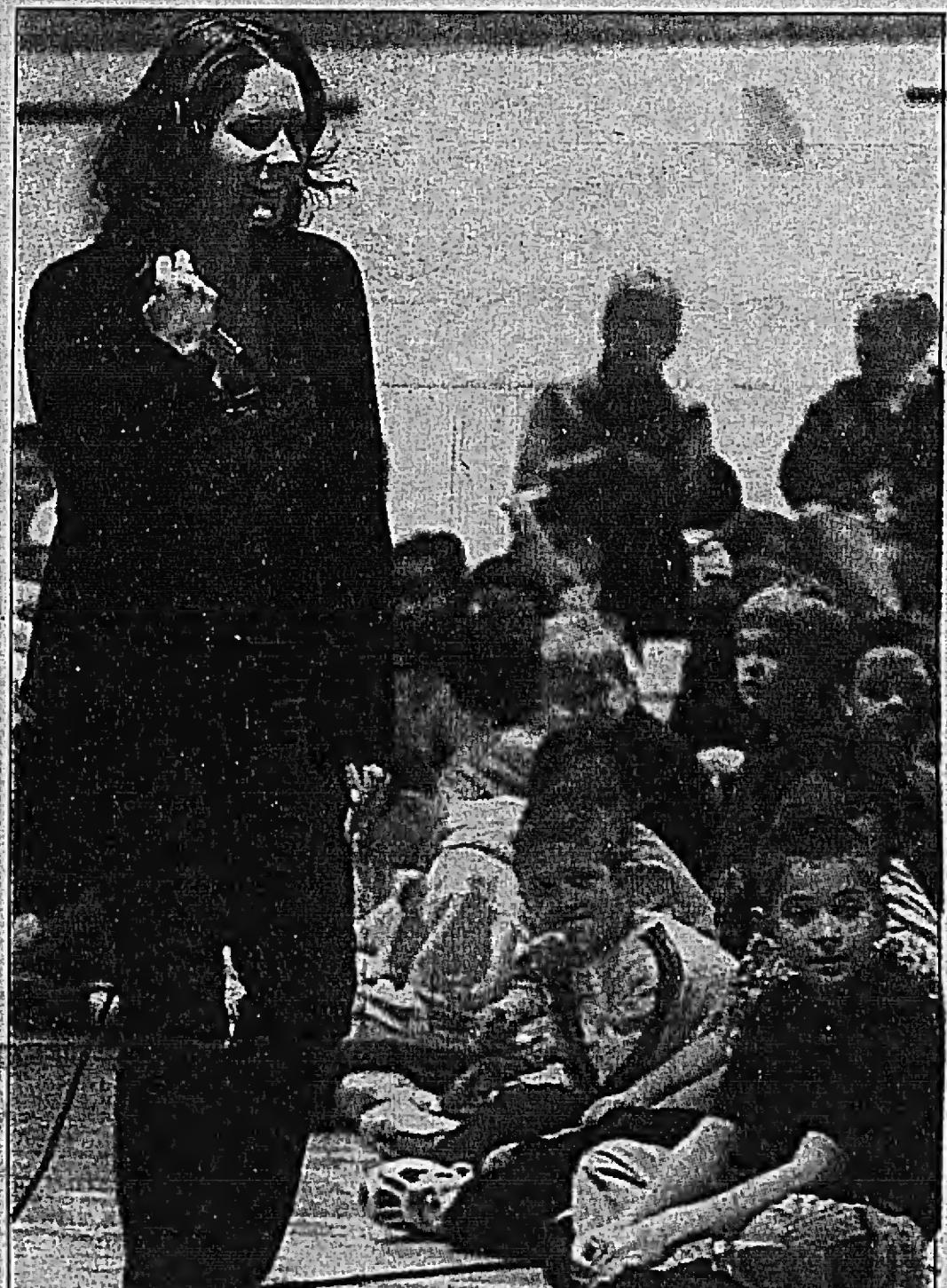
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Andrea Fritz of Schaumburg, Miss Illinois 2003, talks with students at Pleviak School in Lake Villa about the effects of bullying and making good choices in their lives. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

Crowned with good

Miss Illinois 2003 visits schools spreading anti-violence message

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
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It was "Crazy Hair Day" at Pleviak Elementary School in Lake Villa. It was a day of self-expression, with hair arranged in ponytails, pigtails, mohawks and wild tufts, and colored every shade of the rainbow.

It was a perfect day for a conventional beauty to go to the school to speak about taking pride in being oneself and taking the time to try to understand the importance of others.

Andrea Fritz, Miss Illinois 2003, fit the bill perfectly.

Fritz, a 21-year-old junior on the dean's list at Eastern Illinois University, has the all-American "girl-next-door" good looks one might expect in a Miss America pageant contestant. However, she is not resting on her crown.

Fritz has been on a statewide tour since Red Ribbon Week in October, when she launched a series of visits to schools.

The message she is sharing with children and teens is an outgrowth of her platform: "Preventing Youth Violence: Book's Not Bars."

Fritz has been working as a mentor at Robinson Correctional

Facility, but the focus of her platform is on preventing, rather than curing youth violence.

"With little kids, I bring it down to a matter of respecting each other," she said, minutes before several classes of small children came pouring through the gymnasium doors.

While addressing teens, Fritz talks about making good choices with respect to drugs, alcohol and gangs. When addressing very young children, the medium becomes the message, as she uses every trick in the book to make points about pride, tolerance and understanding.

"Is there something you like to do or wear that people think is weird," she asked the students, after noting their varied colored coifs.

"Do they make you feel like this?" she asked, as she donned a pair of glasses with eyeballs on springs.

Wearing the "google eyes," she told a story about herself, a young girl whose mother put jingle bells on her shoes.

"I thought it was fun, but other kids thought it was stupid," she said. "They teased me, and I got in trouble for yelling at them."

When young Andrea asked her

mother to take the bells off her shoes, her mother replied, "Andrea, it doesn't matter. You wore what you liked."

Examining the flipside of the coin, Fritz read a picture book to the children about a boy named Sam who became a bully when he thought no one liked him.

Fritz engaged the students in finding a solution to bullying, including suggestions such as "try to make friends," "be kind" and "give compliments."

After giving the youngsters a mission ("Give someone a compliment today"), Fritz answered questions.

While there was no bullying, no punches were pulled either.

"Do you do beauty pageants or scholarship pageants?" one of the students asked.

Fritz explained that the Miss Illinois/Miss America pageants are, indeed, scholarship pageants.

In fact, Fritz, who plans to be a teacher, was selected for membership in honor societies Phi Eta Sigma, Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Alpha Eta. She was awarded the Betty Hawkins writing and leader-

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Home no safe haven for burglar

By JULIE MURPHY
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Home proved to be no safe haven for Daniel K. McGinn, 42, of 284 Anita Terrace, when he was arrested at his residence Dec. 9 at 3 a.m. Lake County Sheriff's officers caught him in the act of burglarizing TNT's Tavern, a little over an hour after.

McGinn, already under investigation by the Antioch Police Department for a Nov. 25 burglary at Mars Cleaners on Main Street, was reportedly able to elude the Lake County officers long enough to make it back home before he was apprehended.

Sgt. Christopher Thompson of the Lake County Sheriff's Office said

that deputies were called to TNT's by someone who lived in an apartment off the restaurant who reported having seen somebody walking around and going through the coolers. When the deputies asked to be let in, the offender told them that he was an employee and did not have his keys to open the back door. He then reportedly fled out the front entrance.

Investigation by the deputies led them to McGinn's home address, where he was caught.

Detective Sgt. Craig Somerville of the Antioch Police Department said a midnight shift officer (APD) notified him immediately of McGinn's arrest.

knowing that the department was conducting an investigation on McGinn for the Mars Cleaners incident about two weeks prior.

"We were already looking into McGinn, as he was a very recent former employee of Mars and has an extensive arrest record," Somerville said. "I went to the apartment and conducted an interview with (McGinn's) live-in girlfriend, who was a leaseholder and gave consent to search. I recovered several of the components taken from Mars, a unique Pitney-Bowes

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Thug snatches pug

By JULIE MURPHY
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This time the Antioch Police Department is looking not for cat burglars, but dog-nappers. Over the course of two days, Dec. 5-6, two puppies were taken from Best Pets pet store on Orchard Street, in Antioch.

Both puppies are about 12 weeks old. One is a miniature pincher and the other is a pug, both are still small.

Detective Sgt. Craig Somerville said, "We really want to find these puppies. I have pictures of the breeds of dogs, but not the actual puppies. Someone has to know where these dogs are."

Somerville said that Best Pets is offering a cash reward for information leading to the recovery of the puppies.

but that anonymous information to the police department about this or any crime is welcome.

"Anyone with information is welcome to call me and we can keep the information confidential," he said. "We're looking for any information involving the whereabouts of the puppies, or knowledge of someone who recently came into possession of the puppies."

The non-emergency number of the Antioch Police Department is 847-395-8585.



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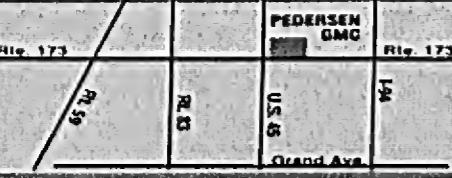
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Children spared in fatal car accident

Accident serves as a reminder to have safety seats checked

By JULIE MURPHY
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The four children of Lynette Zienty and Zienty herself, were spared their lives in a Dec. 12 head-on accident that proved fatal for the driver of the other vehicle.

The accident happened at 10:04 p.m. on North Avenue near the intersection of Deep Lake Road in Antioch Township.

Zienty, an Antioch resident and the 38-year-old mother of four, told officers of the Lake County Sheriff's Department that she had been traveling westbound on North Avenue when a vehicle approaching her swerved into her lane and hit her head-on. She said she had tried to get out of the way of the vehicle, but had been unable to do so.

Jeffrey A. Brock, 42, of Gurnee, was pronounced dead at the scene and was taken to the Lake County Coroners Facility.

Coroner Jim Wipper said, "It is tragic that a candle was extinguished this past weekend as a result of this collision. However, I am grateful more candles were not. I can't emphasize

enough to all parents to ensure the proper use of seatbelts and car seats for their children whenever they travel."

Wipper said he had been contacted by one of his investigators who reported the children, aged 5 months to 10 years, were happy and active as they waited for Zienty to have an X-ray for a minor leg injury.

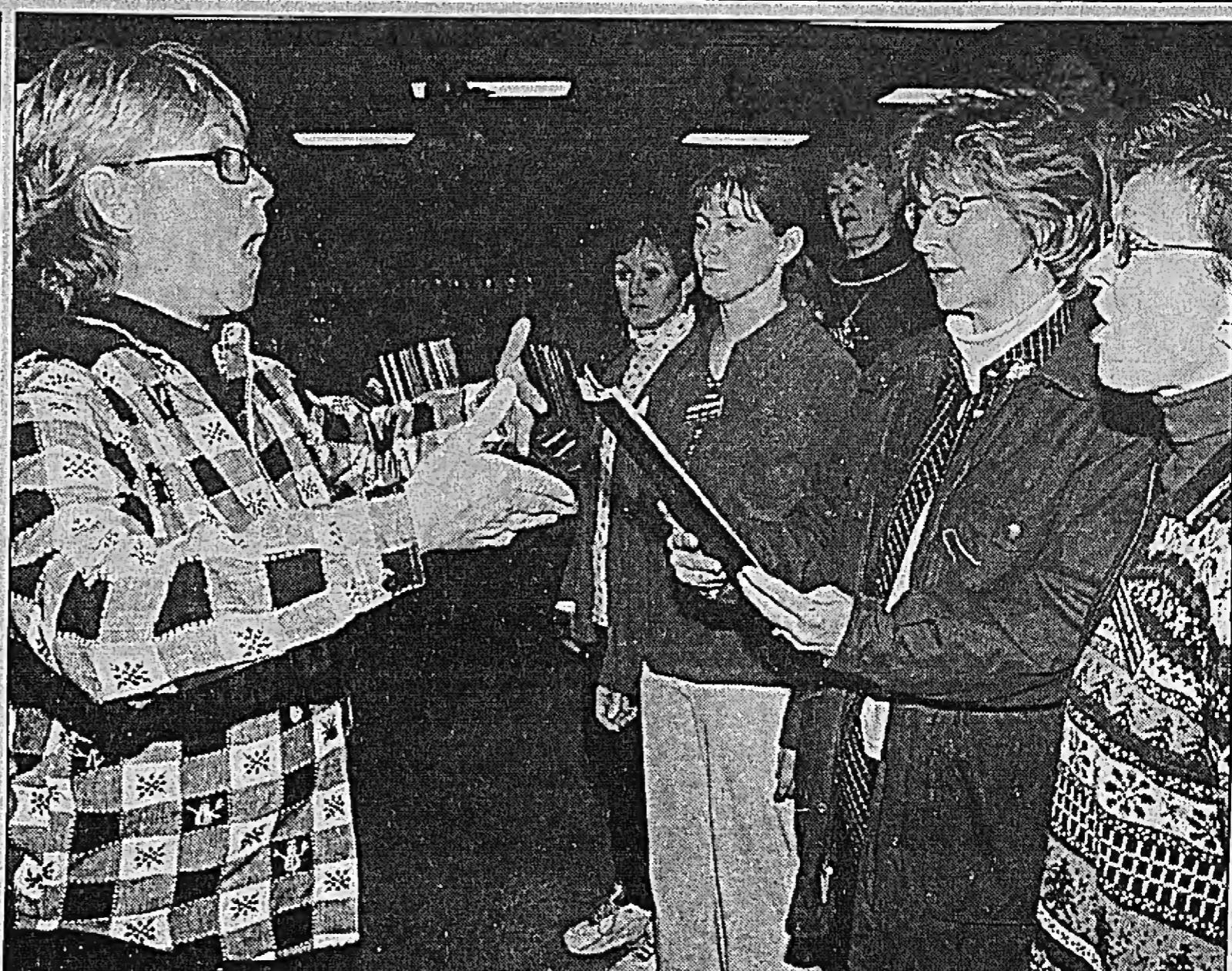
"This is a true testament of the importance of seatbelts and car seats for our young passengers," Wipper said.

The initial investigation and traffic report of the Lake County Sheriff's Office indicated that Brock's vehicle had been traveling eastbound in the westbound lane of traffic and that the point of collision was in the westbound lane of traffic.

No further details were given.

Wipper invites anyone interested in having a free car seat inspection to call his office, 847-377-2200, and make an appointment with a certified staff member.

Antioch residents can also call the Antioch Fire Department, 847-395-5511, for more information and to set an appointment for a free child safety seat check.



Director Polly Merrill rehearses with the Sweet Adeline's women's barbershop group including, in the front row, Barb DeBusman of Racine, Wis., Shelly Gillmore of Wheatland, Wis., Nancie Kiddoo of Antioch and Marilyn Pohl of Genoa City, Wis. at the Antioch VFW hall.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Westosha Lakes Chorus moves to Antioch

By JULIE MURPHY
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Familiar with tag lines and four-part harmonies? Women who can sing for joy as the Westosha Lakes Chorus, a chapter of the Sweet Adelines International, has moved to Antioch.

The barbershop-quartet style singers are led by Polly Merrill, who has directed the band since its inception two years ago. She brings years of experience to the rehearsals and continues to hone her skills traveling throughout the United States and abroad to enhance her abilities as a performer and director.

About 30 women make up the chorus with ages ranging from teenage on up.

"We have mothers and daughters who sing together," Merrill said. "We aren't a bunch of soloists. We like to say that we sing for the health of it."

Previously, the chorus met in Paddock Lake, but it now holds rehearsals at the Antioch VFW Sequoia Post 4551 on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

The group welcomes new members with a literal hoot and holler after Merrill listens to renditions of "Happy Birthday" or scales and determines whether one is better suited to sing the part of tenor, baritone, lead or bass.

While the group performs a variety of songs, all a cappella, from straight barbershop to contemporary and seasonal songs as well as country/western, all of the music has the common thread of being sung in four-part harmony. During community singing engagements, the chorus often breaks into smaller quartets or mother/daughter combinations.

Merrill said it's not as confusing as it may seem, and that each section has a leader and tapes of performance pieces are made for

home study that accentuate the four individual parts. Sections practice individually and as a whole with the other three counterparts.

Westosha Lakes Chorus started with five members and continues to grow. The chorus competes with other Sweet Adelines in Osh Kosh, Wis. once a year, and some members choose to attend the yearly international convention.

Crystal Olsen, public relations director said, "If you enjoy singing or would like ongoing vocal training in a fun and friendly atmosphere, come join in the music and fun."

Though the group typically meets on a weekly basis, the holidays have pushed the next open rehearsal to Jan. 15. The VFW hall is located on North Avenue east of Route 83.

For more information, call Olson at 262-862-6603. For an Illinois exchange, call Dede Umland at 847-356-8356.

SMC study supported

By JULIE MURPHY
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On behalf of the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry, President Karen Dunham pledged \$5,000 of support to the village of Antioch. The village is moving forward with an independent study of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's (SMC) study of the Sequoia Creek Watershed and proposed changes to the floodplain.

The money will be used to help the village offset the costs of hiring independent engineers to ensure the methodologies and results of the SMC study are fair and accurate.

Mayor Taso Maravelas thanked Dunham and said, "The chamber came to the village's rescue." He noted that the chamber represents over 300 members and most of the businesses in the area.

Trustee Scott Pierce added the mayor's reception of chamber's support. He said, "The more united we are, the better the results will be."

At its last regular meeting, the board of directors voted unani-

mously to approve a \$9,800 expenditure to Christopher B. Burke Engineering to thoroughly examine the SMC reports and recommendations for changes that, if approved, will add a good portion of Antioch's industrial area to the Sequoia Creek floodplain.

Pierce noted then that if village needs Burke to supply solutions to reduce the floodplain area, the board would have to negotiate a separate arrangement with the firm. "This is just to study the study," he said. "If other work is needed, more negotiations would have to be made."

Thomas Burke, who heads the Water Resources Section of the engineering firm, told the village board that his company has done similar work for the municipalities of Addison, Bellwood and Northlake. He said his firm had successfully provided solutions to reduce floodplain areas that are in the process of being accepted by the state.

She said it was important for the chamber to protect the interests of its members.

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Julie Murphy

Amber Larson will be able to hit the ice with new hockey sticks now that we have some cold weather.

The 10 lucky kids won the new hockey sticks, donated by Wal-Mart in Round Lake, through the Parks and Recreation Department as part of its celebration of two new skating rinks at Centennial Park.

Antioch Upper Grade School announced the sixth-grade geography bee winners.

Kelly Little took top honors for the gold team.

It was stiff competition on the green team, but Jeff Inman, Zach Moser, Stephanie Ruth, Steven Kurz, Dakota Cope and Justine Sewster all ranked high.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 847-223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, moorfie@ix.netcom.com

There is no doubt that our town is a town chock-full of winners, and the results of many contests and competitions are in.

Winners of the 2003 Holiday Lights competition, sponsored by the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry, are: Tim Nixon, of Pine Hill Drive, who took first place and \$250 in chamber gift certificates; Kathleen Puder, of Tiffany Farms, who took second place and \$100 in gift certificates; and Debbie Cline of Phillips Circle, who took third place and \$50 in gift certificates.

Congratulations to all who won.

Children should keep in mind that the chamber's Find Frosty competition runs through Dec. 21.

The lucky child who comes closest to finding all of the snowmen will win \$100 in chamber gift certificates. Those who find the Special Frosty with a large red "A"

on its chest can win a gift certificate to Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin Donuts by writing down the name of the business where it was spotted.

Entry forms are available at the chamber, at participating merchants and in the coloring books distributed at Santa's Castle.

The winner will be announced Dec. 30. Entries should be dropped off at the chamber office, located at 882 Main St., by Dec. 22.

Bret Olson, Collin Prather, Krystal Mason, Nick Lienhardt, Logan Weber, Michael and Will Richter, Miles and Jack Kovach and



He really does exist

Children who attend the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department's Time for Me Two class visited Santa at his castle on Toft. Pictured from left to right: William Piper, Emily Wright, Sara Mayer, Kenny Kercheval and Anne Freenan.

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postage meter that was also taken from the cleaners as well as some items believed to have been involved in the TNT incident."

Somerville said the Antioch Police Department's investigation had not targeted McGinn but had included all former employees of Mars Cleaners as well as all known burglars in the area. He said the linchpin in the case was recovering the postage meter.

McGinn reportedly implicated himself in the Mars Cleaners burglary after Somerville recovered some of the stolen items and he was interviewed at the Lake County Jail.

"Recovering these items, particularly the postage meter, was really key in settling this," Somerville said. He added that some of the computer components were "unrecoverable"

as they had been sold.

"Not everyone has a postage meter, and it could have been traced if it had ever been used after being stolen," he said. "This connected him to that crime."

In both instances, forcible entry had been used during overnight hours.

Both the Antioch Police Department and the Lake County Sheriff's Office have charged McGinn with one count each for burglary, a class 2 felony. The Lake County Sheriff's Office also charged McGinn with one count of possession of burglary tools, a class 4 felony.

Antioch Police Department Chief Chuck Fagan said, "Cooperation of departments works to the advantage of everyone, and this is a perfect example of it."

SCHOOL DIGEST

'Shop and Shares' support AMPS

The final "Shop and Shares" at the Antioch Jewel to support AMPS (AHS Music and Performance Sponsors) will take place Dec. 29-31.

For information on how to get a coupon to participate (no more difficult than any regular shopping trip), call Sue Latino at 847-838-7785.

Historical society offers scholarships

The Lakes Region Historical Society is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to those who are interested in pursuing history or museum-related fields at the college level.

Information packets are available at the School House Museum, the high school guidance office or by calling scholarship chair Regina Reynolds at 847-838-0564.

Applicants will be required to complete a 20-hour service project through the historical society. Those eligible for the scholarship include high school seniors, current college

students, individuals going back to school and graduate students.

The money can be used for either books or tuition.

2004 high school board meetings scheduled

Regular meetings for the remainder of the school year (2004) are as follows: Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the district office; Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the district office; March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the district office; April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the district office; May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; May 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; June 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; June 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office.

Meetings are always held Thursday evenings and rotate between the library of Antioch Community High School (ACHS) and the district office, located in the Antioch-Lake Villa Township Center on Deep Lake Road, just north of Grass Lake Road in Lake Villa.



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DUI

Eric R. Brown, 23, of 8581 Lexington Place, Pleasant Prairie, Wis., was arrested for DUI on Dec. 11 at 3:22 a.m. on Route 173 at Savage Road.

He was locked traveling 78 mph in a 55-mph zone. When stopped, he provided police with a Wisconsin driver's license at which time the officer detected the strong odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath.

Brown failed all field sobriety tests requested of him and was arrested for DUI. A check through LEADS/NCIC came back with information that Brown had an Illinois driver's license that had been suspended.

During inventory for tow, police found a multicolored glass smoking pipe with cannabis residue.

Brown was issued citations for speeding, DUI, driving while suspended and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brown refused chemical testing and was released on personal recognition pending his Jan. 8 court date.

Nathan M. Hansen, 26, of 587 Main St., was arrested for DUI on Dec. 15 at 9:06 p.m. on Lake Street near St. Peters.

Police observed Hansen's right side tires go up onto the curb and come back down. He continued weaving at a slow speed.

As Hansen turned onto Hillside, both left side tires crossed over the centerline. He

reportedly waited a long period before turning onto Orchard.

Hansen told the officer he did not have a driver's license with him. The officer detected the strong odor of alcoholic beverage.

When asked if he had any physical or medical condition that would interfere with performance of non-verbal field sobriety tests, Hansen said that he had two broken knees, a half lung, a smashed hand and that he had been shot before.

He reportedly used and obscenity and said, "This is my second DUI." Hansen failed all field sobriety tests requested of him. A portable breath test gave a result of .139 blood alcohol concentration.

He was arrested and issued citations for improper lane usage, driving while suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle and DUI.

A Breathalyzer test came back with a .209 blood alcohol concentration. Hansen was issued an additional citation for DUI over .08. He was released on personal recog-

nance pending his Jan. 20 court date.

Theft under

Rebecca M. Romie, 20, of 237 Hickory Lane, was arrested for theft under on Dec. 9 at 3:15 p.m. for a complaint at 646 W. Route 173.

The complainant, a manager of a local business, said Romie had not returned the route money at the end of a shift. She reportedly told the manager she had been in an accident and that her car was towed with the money in it. She said the money was gone the next day.

She was fired after she had not come into work for the weekend, but came in the following week for her check.

Romie reportedly came in of her own free will when the Antioch Police Department called. She admitted taking the money to buy the essentials. She was released on personal recognition pending her Jan. 28 court date.

'Messiah' makes holiday season

The Antioch Community Chorus promises to bring "good tidings of great joy" when it presents G. F. Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Peter Catholic Church, located at 557 Lake St. in Antioch.

"This performance sets the pace of Christmas for me," Festival Arts of Antioch committee member Mabel Lou Weber said previously. Festival Arts of Antioch sponsors the chorus.

Kris Bolin of Antioch is replacing long-time director Ralph Brooke for this year's presentation. Soloists include soprano Jennifer Layman of Waukegan, alto Cynthia Mace of Lake Forest, tenor Brent Billcock of Chicago, and bass Peter Swenson of Chicago. Pianist Chris Kusher of Grayslake and the Tim Montalvo String Ensemble will accompany the chorus.

As with all performances of the Antioch Community Choir, admission is free and open to anyone. For more information, call 847-395-1333.

Candle safety stressed for the holidays

Homes often look best during the holiday season because of extensive decorating in the spirit of being festive, but some of the prettiest decorations can prove to be the most dangerous.

Because of a fire caused by an unattended candle last year, Antioch Fire Chief Dennis Volling released the following statistics and candle safety tips:

"There is a need for everyone to understand that a candle's grace and beauty comes from an open flame," said Volling. "This open flame, when left unattended can cause serious harm and accounts for over 11,600 fires in homes, 1200 injuries and 156 deaths nationwide. While other causes for home

fires have decreased, the percentage caused by candles is on the rise, with over 43 percent of the holiday season fires linked directly to candles."

Never leave a candle burning while napping or at bedtime.

Keep candles away from items that can catch fire such as clothing, books, paper and curtains.

Do not place lit candles in windows where blinds or curtains can close over them.

Place candles on a secure piece of furniture in a holder that will not tip over. Make sure candleholders are non-combustible, and will collect dripping wax.

Keep candles out of reach of children. Keep matches and lighters high and out of sight.

Never leave a candle unattended in a room with a child or family pet.

During a power outage, if you must use a candle, avoid carrying a lit candle. Never go into a closet to look for things with a lit candle, or use them as a light source when fueling items such as a kerosene heater or lantern.

"Nearly half of all candle fires start in the bedroom," Volling said, but he was quick to add that candle fires are not limited to one specific area of a home, and there is no single contributing factor for candle fires.

Cub Scouts of Pack 93 donate more than time to food pantry

As part of its list of community service projects for the year, Cub Scout Pack 93 Den 2 collected food in front of the Piggly Wiggly for four hours to be donated to the Blessed Trinity Food Pantry.

"This is the second year that we've done

this," said James Peterson, assistant Cub Scout master. "We thought this would be a great idea to do this and help out."

Ian Keller, Tyler Lowry, Maverick McBride, Christian Peterson and Scott Zeh manned the post. They reported that 300 different food

items were collected as well as \$70 in cash.

"The boys were really great about being out there all that time. They did a really good job," James Peterson said.

The scouts delivered the food to the pantry on Dec. 16.

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ship scholarship and is supported by a \$15,000 scholarship award from the Miss Illinois Scholarship Foundation.

She is a founder of "Books on Wings," a program dedicated to providing books to families, schools and facilities in need. She serves as an ambassador for the Illinois Literacy Foundation and national spokesperson for Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, the G.R.E.A.T. program and the Empower program.

Fritz, who also made an appearance that day at Martin Elementary School, and will be touring the state for the rest of the school year.

But communicating with youth is not a one-way street for Fritz. She is sponsoring an essay contest for grades 4-12.

"I'm asking the question, 'What have you learned from someone who is difficult?'" she said. "Seeing how much these kids open up to me is touching."

She said she had received some e-mails talking about sensitive issues such as alcoholism and child abuse.

"Everything is in confidence," she said, explaining that while contest winners would be recognized, they will have final say over whether or not essay contents will be printed.

Winners, to be selected in each age group, will receive tickets to the Miss Illinois pageant in June.

Contest entries or personal letters to Andrea Fritz may be sent to missillinois03@yahoo.com.

PARK HAPPENINGS

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at the Lindenhurst Park District Community Center, 2200 E. Grass Lake road, west of Route 45. For more information, call 847-356-6011 or visit the park district on the web at www.lindenhurstparks.org.

Winter Break Camp

During winter break, children can enjoy games, movies, arts and crafts and field trips at Winter Break Camp. Camp takes place Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and Jan. 2 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Extended care is available for an additional charge. Camp costs \$79 for residents and \$87 for non-residents. Extended care is \$31 for residents and \$34 for non-residents.

FREE training for volunteer soccer coaches

Free training is available for those who would like to be soccer coaches or who are current coaches who want to learn more about the game.

Clinics will be held at Millburn School on three Mondays (Jan. 12, Feb. 9 and March 8) from 6:30-9 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call Suzie at 847-356-6011.

Ice skating

The park district provides three outdoor ice rinks (weather permitting). One is located at Engle Memorial Park near the bandshell; a second at Engle is located near the Haven skateboard park behind the gym; a third rink is located at Millennium Park near the shelter.

For information about ice conditions, call 847-356-6011.

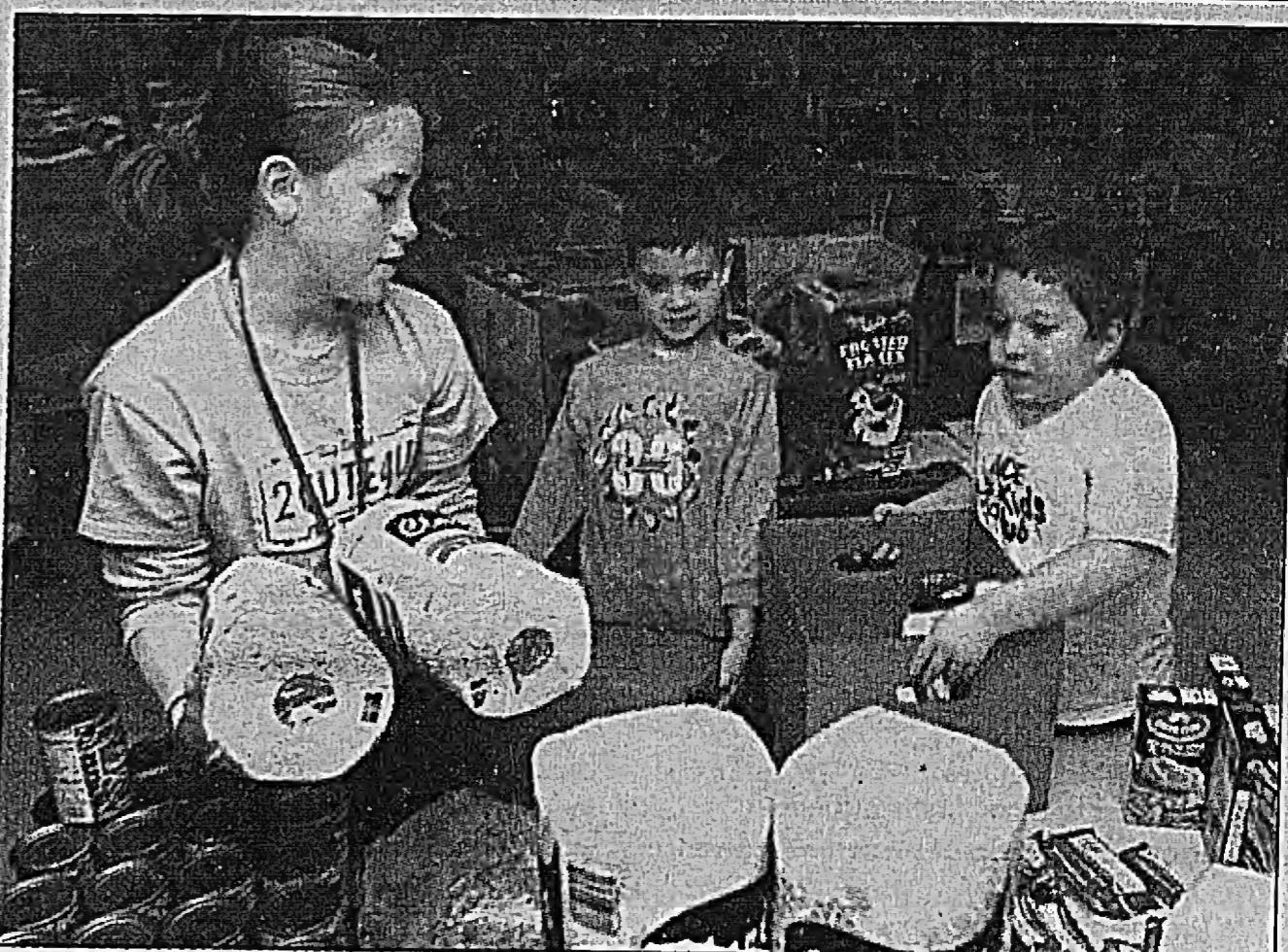
Entertainment Books available

Entertainment Books for 2004 are now available. The books offer discounts on dining, shopping and recreation. Each book is \$20, and the proceeds go to the park district. The discounts are good from now until November 2004.

FOR SENIORS (55+)

Christmas luncheon & cookie exchange

The park district holds its second catered Christmas luncheon on Monday, Dec. 22, from noon-3:30 p.m. Those interested in exchanging cookies should bring at least one dozen homemade cookies.



Helping hands

Viking School sixth-grader Sarah Griffis helps Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center kindergartners Randall Grover and Stephen Ciancio fill boxes with paper towels, along with food and toiletries, to be given to needy families as part of the Gift of Giving program. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

Family fun night at Hastings Lake YMCA

Come share in the fun of the world's holidays. On Dec. 12 from 7-10 p.m., the Hastings Lake YMCA will celebrate Family Fun Night with a "holidays around the world" theme. Join in some Yuletide fun, play in the pool with SCUBA SANTA, and let

the kids help trim the tree in 10 feet of water.

Children and adults alike can create crafts and enjoy a delicious snack of cookies and juice. The YMCA is located at 20517 Grass Lake Road. Family Night is free to all.

LV Cub Scouts seek artifacts for LVDL display

Lake Villa Cub Scout Pack 88 is interested in obtaining oral histories and past remembrances of Cub scouting in Lake Villa.

The pack has secured the library display window for the month of February 2004 and plans to display old uniforms, patches, pinewood derby cars or photos

from the past.

Pack 88 would like to hear how scouting has positively influenced scouts' later years. Those interested in providing information or artifacts, please contact Ann Miller at 847-356-6553 or send an e-mail to creajim@sbcglobal.net.

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LOCAL DIGEST

Frosty seekers can win big

For the fifth year, the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry is conducting a "Find Frosty" contest. Families or individuals can pick up an entry form between now and Dec. 21, and then spend the day counting the snowmen in the windows of all of the participating stores beginning the first week in December.

The one lucky child who comes closest to finding all of the snowmen will win \$100 in Chamber gift certificates. Those who find the "Special Frosty" with a large red A on its chest can win a gift certificate to Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts by writing the name of the store window where it was spotted.

Entry forms are available at the Chamber, at participating merchants and in the coloring books distributed at Santa's Castle.

The winner will be announced on Dec. 30. Entries should be dropped off at the Chamber office located at 882 Main St. by Dec. 22. Porch said, "Our foyer is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week so it won't be difficult to get the form into us."

Screening can reduce risk of stroke

A good way to ring in the new year is to take 10 minutes to screen for artery blockage and reduce the risk of stroke.

Residents living in and around Antioch can register for an appointment for the tests when Life Line Screening comes to St. Peter Church on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2004.

Life Line reports that 75 percent of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage. It screens these arteries to determine stroke risk.

Anyone over the age of 40 is encouraged to participate. This program is open to the public.

Each of the three vascular tests is \$45. Complete vascular screening is \$99.

Osteoporosis screening is \$35, separately or can be added to the vascular screening for a total cost of \$125.

Pre-registration is required. Early morning appointments are said to fill first.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 800-407-4557. St. Peter Church is located at 557 Lake Street.

by the Jewel store.

Garden club hosts regular meetings through June

Antioch Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month, September through June at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 848 Main Street, Antioch.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information call 847-395-1202.

VFW offers fish fry

Antioch VFW Post 4551 has started a fish fry on Friday nights from 4-8 p.m.

In addition to cod, perch and shrimp the menu offers burgers and chicken strips. Dinners are served with French fries or a baked potato, in a limited quantity, and coleslaw bread and butter.

Cost varies from about \$3-8, depending on the fish or meat.

For more information, call 847-395-5393.

Community band seeks members

Lakes Area Community Band, a 40-member band comprised of musicians from Lake, McHenry & Kenosha counties, is currently seeking musicians high school age and older in all sections. Practices take place on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Antioch Community High School band room.

New members are welcome. No auditions are required. For more information, call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

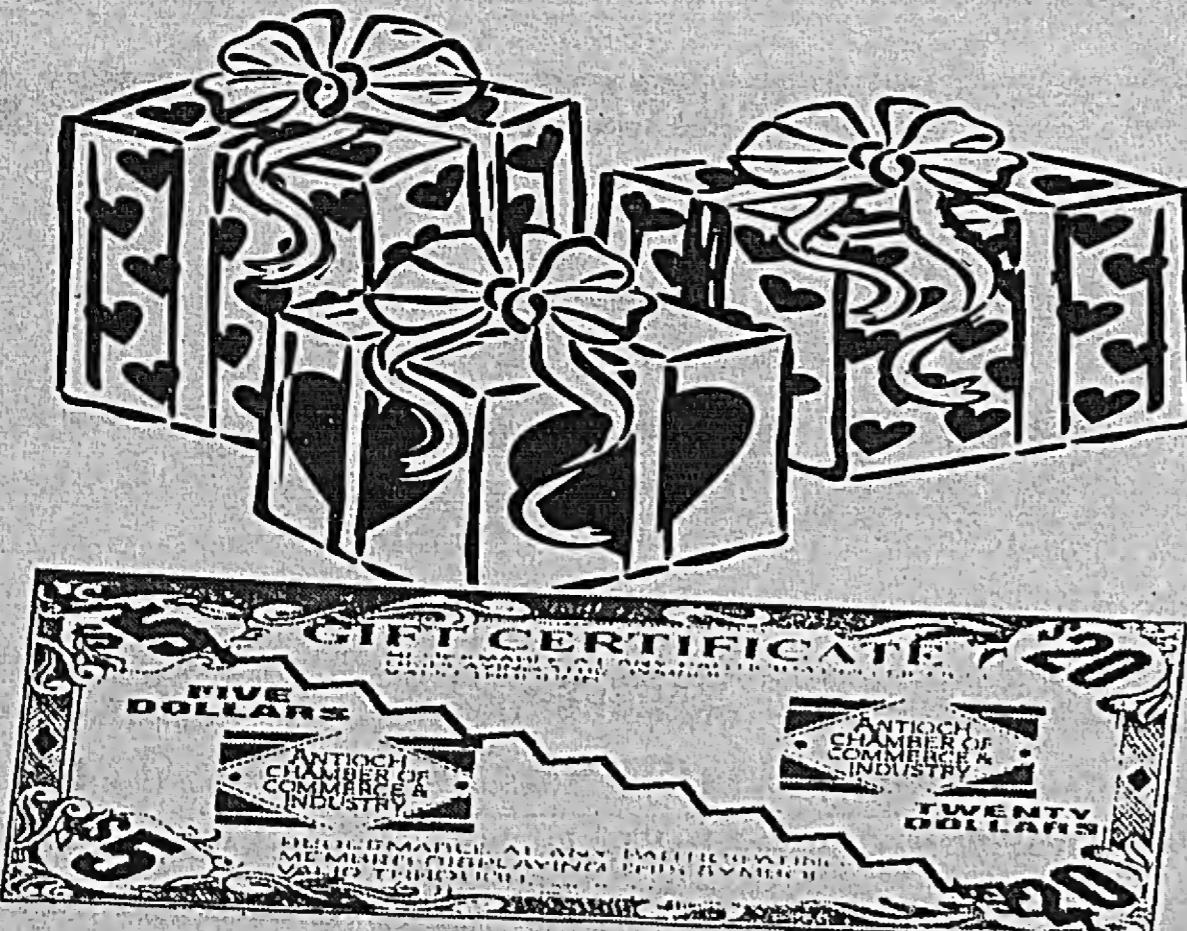
Knights of Columbus meet

Knights of Columbus (Father Henderson Council 3800) meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Father Frawley Hall, located in the basement of St. Peter Church.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic Family Fraternal service organization that volunteers time and money to charitable causes. Practicing Catholic men over the age of 18 years old are eligible to join.

For more information, call St. Peter Church Rectory at 847-395-0274.

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Favorite album/cd: "The Young and the Hopeless" by Good Charlotte

Favorite sports team: Chicago Bears

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If I had \$1 million, I would: Buy Great America

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My dream job would be: Basketball player

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Calendar

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A 14-day notice is requested for all items.

Friday, December 19

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meets at the Hampton Inn in Gurnee. For info., call 847-249-3800

7:30-10:30 p.m., Lake County Astronomical Society meets at Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting is followed by a viewing period starting at 9:30 p.m. For information about the group, call 847-362-0959

"A Cuneo Christmas" held at the Cuneo Museum and Gardens in Vernon Hills. Holiday decorations adorn each room of the Venetian style mansion. Seasonal greenery and the family tree highlight the Great Hall. For more details, visit www.lakeonline.com/cuneo/index.html

7-9 p.m., Support group for divorced or separated people. Child care provided at no cost. Held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd. in Lake Villa. For details, call 847-356-6181

Santa's Enchanted Castle open in downtown Antioch. Santa's Castle is open every day for children to visit with Santa. Each child receives a book and crayons with their visit. Photos available for a fee. Open through Dec. 23.

Festival of Lights continues in Shiloh Park in Zion. Enjoy one of the most spectacular holiday light displays in Lake County. Families will love the outdoor walk-thru of Kringle's Kingdom where visitors can walk past the numerous lighted displays, nestled among over 325-lighted evergreen trees. Visit Santa at his house and enjoy the numerous displays that can be seen at the Shiloh Park drive-thru

Saturday, December 20

First day of Hanukkah

9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sat. & Sun., Breakfast with Santa held at the Country Inn Restaurant at Lambs Farm, 14245 W. Rockland Rd. in Libertyville. Two seatings available. Cost is \$11.95 for adults, \$15.95 for ages 2-10, \$6 for ages 2 and under and includes visit with Santa, one photo with Santa, one holiday sand art necklace, face painting, a surprise gift from Santa, a craft project and entertainment by clowns. Seating is limited, RSVP at 847-362-5050

1 p.m., The Lake County Doll Collectors meet at the Milbry Congregation Church on Hwy 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call 847-623-2072

Sat. 2 and 7 p.m., Sun. at 3 p.m., "The Nutcracker" performed by The Illinois Youth Dance Theatre. Held at Crystal Lake South High School in Crystal Lake. Tickets are now available by calling 815-675-9259. Visit the website at www.dancepasg.com. Adults \$15, seniors and children under 12 \$10

Sunday, December 21

4 p.m., Hanukkah Party hosted by Cong. Am Echad (Reform), held at the Lindenhurst Men's Club Newman Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst. Sandwiches, salads and traditional "latkes" served. Singer, story teller and puppeteer Fran Moses will entertain. Adults are \$8, children 4-13 are \$4, children 3 and under

are free. Non-members welcome. Call 847-336-9110 to make reservations

7 p.m., Christmas Family Night at Linden-Villa Baptist Church, 38869 N Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa. This is a free event for the whole family. For further details, call 847-356-1031

7-9 p.m., Open Gym at ACHS for adults 18 and over. Cost is \$2

7:30 p.m., Music from Handel's "Messiah" performed at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 557 Lake St. in Antioch. All are welcome. For info., call 847-395-1333

Monday, December 22

12:45 p.m., Bingo held at The Antioch Senior Center, call 847-395-7120 for details

5:30 p.m., TOPS group meets in Lindenhurst at the Victory Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Services at 1050 Red Oak Lane on the first floor. Call Tina at 847-265-9364 to find out more

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal at ACHS, call 847-395-6729

Tuesday, December 23

1 p.m., AARP (for adults 55 and older) meets at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr., for more information, call Sharon Nowak at 847-395-5068

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers (BTC) hosts a dance and exercise class downstairs at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call Karen at 847-395-6244

6:30 p.m., The Lake County Mother of Twins and More Club meets at Joy Lutheran Church, 749 S. Hunt Club Rd. in Gurnee. Call toll-free 866-248-7670, ext. 1264 before attending

6:45 p.m., Antioch VFW Bingo, doors open 4:30 p.m., call 847-395-5393

7 p.m., Lake County Philatelic Society meets at the Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. in Gurnee, area stamp collectors are invited, call 847-244-4048 for details

7 p.m., Bicycle Club of Lake County meets at the Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church St. Beginners, experts welcome. Call 847-604-0520 for more information

8-10 p.m., The Human Condition group of Marijuana Anonymous meets every Tues. and Fri. at CLC in Grayslake. For more info., call Joe at 262-862-6244

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve observed

Thursday, December 25

Christmas celebrated

Friday, December 26

7:30-8:30 a.m., The Business Networking Group meets at Centre Lights Cafe next to Condell in Libertyville, call Dan at 847-803-9904

Getting moving in January

It's not too early to start making plans for January, and the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department is adding several new programs for a year of fun and fitness.

"We're offering many new and exciting programs at and through The Jungle Gym II, located in Antioch," said Laurie Stahl, parks director. "Among the classes are Iceless Hockey, Sports Conditioning, Hatha Yoga and Basketball."

Several of the classes are geared toward children, with hatha yoga being specifically designed for adults.

This class will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays from Jan. 6 through Feb. 23. It is said to be more than just an exercise, but a holistic experience to rejuvenate the mind, body and spirit with the focus being on alignment and breathing techniques that promote concentration, relaxation and flexibility.

Iceless hockey is offered to children between the ages of 5-12 years old on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. The

class begins on Jan. 6 and runs through Feb. 26, and offers fun without the pressure of having to win games.

Sticks and pucks will be provided, but participants must supply their own goggles.

Junior basketball will immediately follow iceless hockey from 7-8 p.m. on the same dates, and for the same age group of children. Clean gym shoes must be worn.

The Rhino Club is a sports conditioning class for those between the ages of 9-18 years old. Weight training, stretching, plyometrics, agility training and speed drills are combined to provide a workout to enhance all sports.

The class runs on Mondays and Fridays from Jan. 5 through Feb. 27 from 6-7 p.m. No special equipment is required.

For more information about price and availability, call 847-395-2160 or stop by the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department at 806 Holbek, across the street from the Senior Center.



Trolley rides

A chilly shopper waves down the trolley running through downtown Antioch. The trolley is sponsored by the Antioch Senior Center and runs on Saturdays from 1 to 4pm and takes a loop through the downtown business district.— Photo by J.W. Sternickle

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Questions of hidden agenda

Ms. (Connie) Hoth of Lake Villa has chosen to join the fray over who provides catering services to a Forest Preserve Golf Course Banquet facility. In her letter, she cast aspersions upon those who are opposed to having a single source supplier assigned by the County Board. She implies those involved were only practicing cronyism and nepotism.

I cannot speak for several of the individuals, but I do know Judy Martini and serve with Taso Maravelas. During the course of the last two years, I have had to deal with Judy and can attest that whether I agree or disagree with her on an issue she always does what she feels is in the best interests of her constituents.

She has maintained a professional relationship with Taso and on many occasions disagreed and acted in a manner contrary to what her "friend" requested. Other times when her constituents' interests coincide with the mayor of Antioch's constituents, she acted in a manner honorable to her position.

I think the real question is why are Lake Countians required by the Lake County board to spend their hard-earned dollars with a caterer who is on the high end of the catering spectrum? Also, why is the Lake County board so determined to send business and jobs outside the county when several caterers in the county can provide the same service in a quality manner at a fair price that includes the required insurances?

When it comes to hidden agendas, I read that Ms. Hoth lives in Lake Villa. Could there be another source of the letter or a hidden agenda behind Ms. Hoth's letter? Oh, by the way, why were most of the Lake County caterers excluded from the Fair and Open bid process that Ms. Hoth is so proud of?

Scott Pierce
Trustee, village of Antioch

Solo art show opens

By JULIE MURPHY
jmurphy@lakelandmedia.com

Roger Shule, president of the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation since the foundation's inception two years ago, will exhibit his artwork in a solo art show hosted by SuzAnne's Custom Framing on Main Street. The grand opening event will take place Dec. 19 from 6-8 p.m.

"I have 18 pieces selected, but I don't know if there will be room to display all of them," Shule said of his work, which is mostly watercolor.

Shule retired this spring from teaching at Antioch Upper Grade School after 14 years at the school. Originally from a small town south of Kankakee, Shule said much of his work, through landscapes, barns and florals with some interior subject matter, reflects his roots.

"Since I've retired, I've been able to paint more," he said. "As part of my retirement, my wife took me to Paris and made notecards from sketches of Montmartre where artists gather to work."

Shule said that in addition to watercolor, calligraphy and letterforms have always been part of his artistic makeup and that in the past, he has incorporated calligraphy into some clay platters.

"I've always really liked letterforms and have created cards that had calligraphy on the inside," he said.

Shule said that all of the pieces exhibited would be for sale. In addition to originals, he will have prints of different sizes and cards for sale.

He said some of the pieces are on the smaller side and some are larger. Some have already been framed and others have been left unframed to allow buyers to frame them to taste.

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LAST CALL

Steve Peterson

Football programs make their pitch

Whether it is USC, Oklahoma or McMurray College, college football coaches must all do the same thing to stay or get to a successful level.

That is, recruit, recruit and recruit some more.

About 40 Division II and Division III Midwest colleges participated in the eighth annual Football College Night at Libertyville High School.

Antioch High's Joe Dziki was speaking with representatives from North Central College, but also made his way around dozens of other tables. All coaches brought shiny helmets and equally shiny college brochures. They asked questions about their school's football plans to financial aid packages, vital to attract athletes for the smaller schools.

"This was the best college football night that we have had. We had 40 schools here," said LHS coach Randy Kuceyeski.

"I was really happy with the season. We had a lot of great seniors who showed a lot of leadership," said NC Coach John Thorn, in his second year at the Naperville school. "We want students who will be a good fit, both for football and academics."

Reputation works both ways. Players from schools off successful seasons, such as Carmel, Libertyville or Grayslake, think that they may be given a longer look see by colleges.

"Hopefully we will get some looks, now that we have been successful," said Grayslake's Andrew Forshee. The Rams won their first playoff game ever this year, losing to McHenry by just one point in the second round.

Kevin Biederer looks to play in college after the Rams' season. He played as a defensive back early this fall, but caught mono and missed some of the 8-3 season. "I'm looking at University of Chicago and Rose-Hulman in Indiana," he said. "I was in the hospital for two weeks. The guys were great to me," he said of the fall. He did have a great game against Lake Zurich.

"We all love to play football. We had a great year. We will talk about all the fun times we had," said LHS player Greg Dugan of his team's runner-up season. "I'm looking at Carthage or Lake Forest."

The Iowa Wesleyan coach stressed the opportunities at the Mt. Pleasant, Iowa school. His team cleaned house of young players after a one-win season last year, but that was not the main reason why, said coach Todd McGinny.

"We have a new college president. I was hired in June, so we had to endure a tough season. But we are going to rebuild. We want to do that with Midwest kids from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa. Those are the kids that are beating us every week," McGinny said. He said football is becoming complex, but the old running the football offense is coming back. "Three yards and a cloud of dust is coming back because it is good clock management," he said.

He said there are plans to build a new stadium.

Ed DeGeorge is what you might describe as a small-college lifer. He has been head coach at Beloit College since 1977, with a 4-6 record last year. He has a 127-124-1 record. He also coached for 10 years at Colorado College.

"We had a lot of close games last year," he said. "We need students to average 28 on the ACT. That is a B plus average. We do get great kids."

"I like Division III because it is all about the kids, not about money or records, and you can do it right and impact lives."

T.J. Markiewicz from Grant is now concentrating on wrestling, but also likes football. "I had three sacks in our homecoming game this year," he said. "I'd like to go to a school where I can help them out to win."

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Balanced attack leads Antioch over Wauconda

By ROB BACKUS
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This was the game Antioch coach Tom Duffy was hoping for.

His team was hitting on all cylinders, making basket after basket and playing smothering defense in a 65-47 win over Wauconda.

"Hopefully we can keep playing that well the rest of the season," Duffy said.

This came after the Sequoits stumbled out of the gate with a 2-5 record.

And things will only continue to get better with the anticipated turn of leading scorer Kyle While, who has been out since the season-opener against Wheeling with a twisted ankle.

"Kyle is our best player, by far," Duffy said. "Getting him back will really help. He plays hard and he's a good leader."

In his absence several players stepped up their play against Wauconda.

Antioch had three players in double-digits, led by Marshal Perry's season-high 17 points.

"Marshal had a great game," Duffy said. "He had some key steals that led to easy baskets in transition and he had two big three-pointers."

Eric Lear added 14 points and Chandler Kent scored 11 for Antioch (3-5). Brian Sternberg and Martin Pazanin each chipped in six points.

The game was pretty even after the first quarter, with Antioch holding a slim 20-16 lead.

Then the Sequoits went on a roll in the second quarter, out-scoring the Bulldogs 16-4, holding them to 1-for-10 shooting from the field in the quarter.

Wauconda's Jay Grooms had 8 of his 13 points in the first quarter, until Duffy switched the defense to open the second quarter.

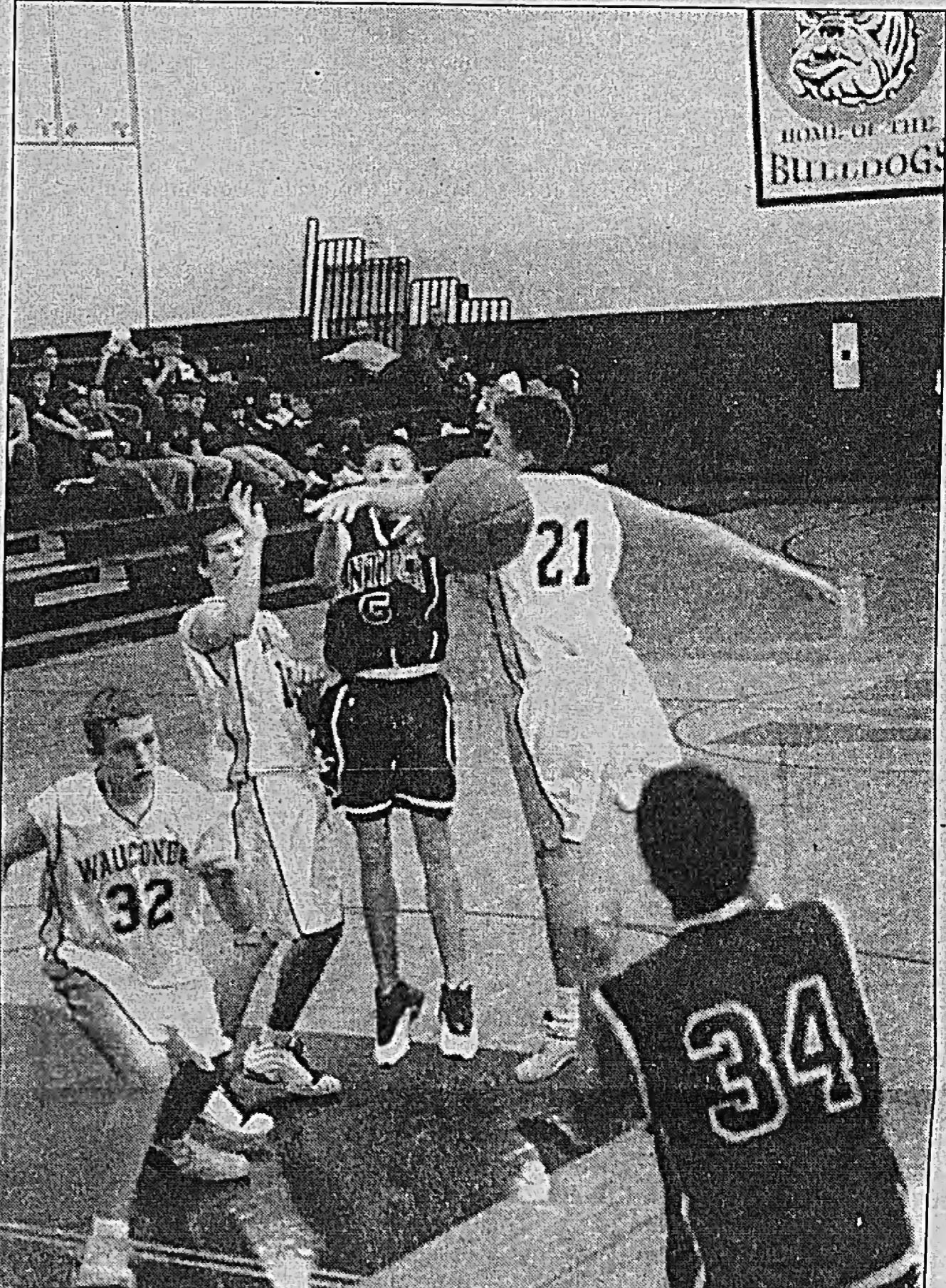
"We realized that he kept taking the ball inside so we started to front him on defense," Duffy said.

The Sequoits also controlled Wauconda's other post player, Alex Wallace, holding him without a basket in the second half. He scored nine points.

"We just played really well in the second quarter," Duffy said. "And that was the difference. The rest of the game was pretty even."

The Sequoits out-scored Wauconda 17-12 in the third quarter and were out-scored 15-12 in the fourth quarter with several of their scorers on the bench, including Perry.

Antioch has perhaps the biggest game of its season on Dec. 19 against Stevenson. Both



Antioch's Robert Reynolds attempts a jump-pass to teammate Mike Vitucci in the team's 65-47 win over Wauconda. The Sequoits will host Stevenson on Dec. 19.—Photo by Steve Young

teams come in 0-2 in the NSC Lake division.

"It's a big game, no one wants to go 0-3," Duffy said. "Plus it's our first conference home game."

After that, Antioch will begin play in the 8-team Glenbard West holiday tourney, starting on Dec. 22 and continuing through Dec. 26.

Antioch wins Lake showdown over Warren

By STEVE PETERSON
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There was a reason Antioch High School girls basketball players were jumping up and down and accepting congratulations from fans.

They had just beaten the Blue Devils, and, in a way, their own devil, in a 44-36 win. It was one of the few times Antioch girls had downed Warren at the Blue Devils' home court, perhaps the first since games were moved to Warren's Almond Road campus.

Both teams had to deal with injuries. Warren lost three starters, Alexandra Leach (back), Giuliana Lopez and Kendra Payne (both shoulder injuries). Antioch learned that Lauren Scarenbrough would be out for the rest of the season due to an ACL injury.

"It is awesome. We knew that they would be short handed and we took advantage of it," said ACHS leading scorer Jennie Dewar.

Dewar tallied 19 points and Katie Hofeldt added 11, including two treys. Katie Malcomb was right in the middle of the action with seven points, including two key fourth quarter free throws.

"When you are down three starters like we are, and the calibre of players that they are you can't afford to shoot less than 50 percent from the free-throw line. We were 6-for-15," said WTHS Coach John Stanczykiewicz.

Warren standout T.K. LaFleur did not score a point in the first half, as Antioch built a

34-18 lead by the middle of the third quarter, but then caught fire, scoring 12 points against Antioch's zone defenses. It was her trey that brought Warren back to five points down at 40-35. Antioch made 7-11 free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

On the bright side, the role players who saw action Thursday gained valuable experience, such as freshman guard Stacy Leach and junior forward Paula Neiweem (3 rebounds to give Warren chances off Antioch missed free throws).

Senior guard Jessica Bollinger was the second-leading scorer, with eight points. Lopez

"This is a big lift to win here. I think that we have a chance to win the division."

Katie Hofeldt, Antioch guard

had 15 points in a solid effort in a 64-49 loss to Mundelein. LaFleur had 12 in that game.

Katherine Reynolds directs the offense well for Antioch and better shooters have led to a 2-0 record in the NSC Lake, 6-3 overall. Antioch also downed Lake Forest in divisional play. ACHS bounced back from a loss to Carmel, 51-38, earlier in the week.

"Reynolds was at that level at the beginning of last year, but she had a blister and was out a month. She did not come back after

Christmas and never regained form. She has taken where she left off. We are handling the ball so much better on the perimeter and we are a better shooting team," Antioch coach Don Zeman said.

Antioch held the last two conference opponents for wins with under 40 points. "We are so much more athletic. We talk about it all the time, helping each other out, but we are able to do it now," Zeman said.

Expectations are rising for the Sequoits in a wide-open division. Dewar came in averaging 14.5 points per game and Hofeldt was at 13.5. Dewar had 18 vs. Carmel and Hofeldt 17.

"This is a big lift to win here. I think that we have a chance to win the division," Hofeldt said.

Antioch took command with that 9-2 run that featured putbacks by Dewar and a layup by Holly Roberts (three points).

The two teams were scoreless in the first two minutes of the fourth quarter, before LeFleur brought the Blue Devils to within six, 34-28. She hit a 15-footer for a four-point deficit. Dewar answered with a layup and two free throws for a 40-32 margin.

Warren drops to 6-4 overall with the loss. Warren hosts Lake Forest Dec. 20 before its own tournament begins Dec. 22.

"In our four losses, we just have not been able to finish off teams at the end," Stanczykiewicz said.

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Hoosier champs

The Lakeland Hawkeyes girls U-12 fastpitch softball team traveled to St. Joseph's College in Renssleer, Ind. for a 2-day indoor tournament Nov. 22-23. Lakeland finished the contest with a 4-1 record and tied for the best record in the tournament with the Region Rage, a local Indiana team. Both teams posted the same record and were responsible for giving each other their one loss. Both teams allowed and scored exactly the same number of runs in their five games. Because there was such an even match up, the officials named both "Co-Champions" for the tournament. The team consists of: bottom row, from left, Kali Browning, Kaley Lindstrom, Samie Seamon, Alisa Walizer and Jennifer Precht, middle row, from left, Erin Schoenfelder, Alyssa Voykin, Allie Anttila, Jen Ignoffo, Kim Gall and Angela Marescalco and back row, from left, Roger Precht, Bill Seamon, Matt Gall and Jeff Anttila. Not pictured: Heather Bednar.—Submitted Photo

HASTINGS LAKE STINGRAYS ROUNDUP

The Hastings Lake Stingrays participated in the Patriot Games at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire.

Over 1,000 swimmers and 21 teams participated. Individual and team points were awarded for the top 16 swimmers in each event.

The following individuals scored points during the meet:

50 Freestyle

Boys 7-8

1. Kyle Aerne 34.26, 5. John Zalewski 38.28,

7. John Garland 41.47

Girls 9-10

1. Michelle Garland 28.39, 14. Rachel Kurzeja 35.00, 15. Rachel Burg 35.03

Girls 11-12

13. Kelly Garland 28.81

Boys 13-14

13. Lukas Levad 25.91

Men 15-18

2. Matt Revell 23.34

100 Freestyle

Boys 7-8

1. Kyle Aerne 1:17.21, 7. John Zalewski 1:32.18,

8. Kirk Dickson 1:32.41, 10. John Garland 1:32.80, 16. Daniel Ostrander 1:44.61

Girls 9-10

1. Michelle Garland 1:03.90, 16. Rachel

Burg 1:16.29

Boys 9-10

6. Tyler Craig 1:10.18

Girls 11-12

10. Kelly Garland 1:03.00, 13. Mesa

Schmidt 1:03.65

Boys 13-14

8. Joseph Burg 55.36

200 Freestyle

Boys 9-10

3. Tyler Craig 2:35.89, 10. Robert Corbett

3:03.70

Girls 11-12

10. Kelly Garland 2:16.97, 15. Shannon

Zalewski 2:21.36

Girls 13-14

9. Joseph Burg 2:03.14

Men 15-18

3. Zack Johnson 2:00.58

500 Freestyle

Girls 11-12

12. Shannon Zalewski 6:19.33

1650 Freestyle

Women Open

4. Danielle Lindquist 22:34.03

Men Open

2. Zack Johnson 19:02.97

25 Backstroke

Girls 7-8

16. Megan Landry 24.07

Boys 7-8

4. John Garland 22.09, 6. John Zalewski

22.35, 10. Kirk Dickson 22.99

50 Backstroke

Boys 7-8

3. John Garland 48.82

Girls 9-10

1. Dominique Bessette 34.90

Boys 9-10

6. Tyler Craig 37.18

Girls 11-12

15. Mesa Schmidt 34.67

200 Breaststroke

Boys 13-14

7. Brady Cushman 2:40.95, 9. Lukas Levad

2:51.34

Women 15-18

5. Bethany Brooker 2:54.47

Men 15-18

2. Nick Johnson 2:42.27

100 Butterfly

Girls 9-10

2. Michelle Garland 1:12.36, 3. Dominique

Bessette 1:15.87, 9. Rachel Burg 1:27.48

Boys 9-10

11. Robert Corbett 1:41.74

Girls 11-12

16. Molly Snittjer

Boys 13-14

7. Joseph Burg 1:01.94

Men 15-18

2. Matt Revell 58.88, 4. Zack Johnson

1:04.42, 5. Nick Johnson 1:06.21

100 IM

Boys 7-8

1. Kyle Aerne 1:29.80, 8. John Zalewski

1:50.51

Girls 9-10

1. Michelle Garland 1:12.03, 2. Dominique

Bessette 1:12.99, 10. Rachel Burg 1:25.54

Boys 9-10

7. Tyler Craig 1:21.91

200 IM

Boys 9-10

5. Robert Corbett 3:21.17

Girls 11-12

14. Mesa Schmidt 2:45.06

Boys 13-14

15. Joseph Burg 2:k21.47

Women 15-18

16. Bethany Brooker 2:32.70

400 IM

Boys 13-14

11. Lukas Levad 5:15.67

The Stingrays next dive into action on Sunday, Dec. 21 at the 10 and under meet at the New City YMCA in Chicago. The next full team meet is scheduled for Dec. 27 at home against Buehler YMCA.

NOTE: Two Hastings Lake swimmers established new meet records during the recent Patriot Games invite sponsored by the Patriot Aquatic Club at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire. The meet attracted over 1,000 swimmers from throughout the state.

The two swimmers who set the records are: Michelle Garland (Girls 9-10 50 Freestyle 28.39, Girls 9-10, 100 Breaststroke 1:19.07, Girls 9-10 100 IM 1:12.03) and Kyle Aerne (Boys 8 and under 25 Freestyle 15.51).

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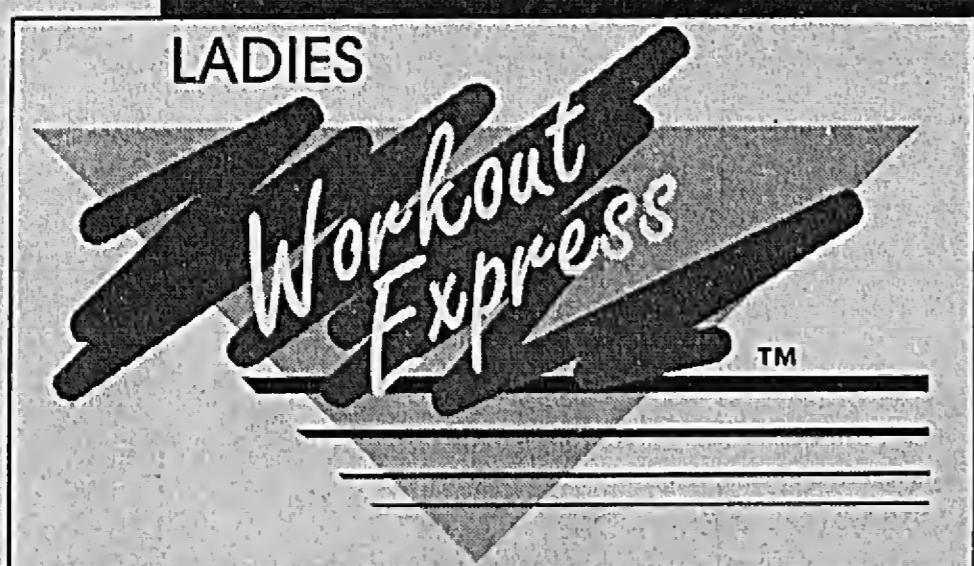
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(above and below) Grayslake resident Joel Spears rehearses his lute at the Byron Colby Barn at Prairie Crossing in Grayslake. Spears will perform medieval-style music at the barn with harpist Alison Attar Dec. 21. — Photo by Sandy Bressner

Barn home to arts



By CAREL SCHMIDLKOFER
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Abarn that only 10 years ago was home to livestock is now a classroom and a showcase for performers and public events. The Byron Colby Barn, located in Grayslake's Prairie Crossing Community, will be filled with the music of composers such as Francesco Landini, John Johnson and Joanambrosio Dalzia on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.

Grayslake resident Joel Spears, lutenist, and Alison Attar, an Evanston harpist, will perform holiday music from medieval, Renaissance and baroque eras.

And while "In Dulci Jubilo" may not be a widely recognized title, Spears promises that audience members will recognize the famed Christmas composition and many of the other selections.

"A lot of Christmas music is from this period," Spears said.

The lutes and harps used are representative of pre-1800 instruments.

Audience members will enjoy a holiday tribute followed by a progression through time with lute/harp duets.

Attar, who just completed her doctorate in harp performance at Northwestern University, will play an Italian triple harp similar in design to those popular from 1550 to 1750. It is six feet tall with three rows of strings totaling 75 strings.

The other harp Attar will play is smaller, with about 20 strings.

Attar has been freelancing since the age of 14, when she first learned to play the

instrument. But it wasn't until she was in college that she chose early music as her career.

"It was the unique sound of early music that I think is beautiful," Attar said. "I find it more interesting (than conventional classical music)."

Spears' musical career began as a teen-aged guitar player in a garage band.

After learning that a classical composition he had taught himself on the guitar had been written for the lute, he was intrigued.

"That started me thinking that was the instrument I should be playing," he said. "It took a few years, but eventually I switched to the lute."

Both specialize in early music and work with area chamber musicians, operas and symphonies.

"Music for Harp and Lute" is part of the early music program, which is now in its second season at the facility.

Local and regional talents perform six early music concerts throughout the season to crowds of 100 or more at the barn.

Spears commented that the acoustics of the barn are perfect for this type of music.

"The shape of it is really good for chamber music," he said.

People from as far away as Wisconsin and southern Illinois travel to the facility to enjoy the concerts in the barn.

Spears explained that the barn is convenient for those who don't want to travel to Chicago to experience a concert.

The barn is owned by Prairie Holdings Corporation and managed by Stan Rosenberg, who attracts musicians by offering a percentage of the ticket sales.

"We're all partners in the success of this," Rosenberg said.

The idea to hold concerts in the barn came about four years ago when musicians performed outside the barn to attract people to the community's organic farmers market.

Vicky Ranney, president of Prairie Holdings Corp., was responsible for bringing the barn to the community.

When Ranney and her husband, George, began building the Prairie Crossing development in 1994, they knew they would need a community center on the site.

Ranney learned that the barn was going to be used for training by Libertyville firefighters and made arrangements to preserve it.

The timber frame building had been built using pegs in 1885. It was later dismantled and stored, and in 1996 the barn was rebuilt through an old-fashioned barn-raising at the Prairie Crossing Community.

While the floor and timber framing are original to the building, new siding and a roof were added after the move.

The barn, while beautiful, is expensive to heat and cool because it contains such a large, open space, Ranney said. Holding events at the barn helps keep costs down.

The barn is a popular place for wedding receptions, concerts, lectures and parties. The Prairie Crossings Charter School holds its sixth-grade classes at the barn.

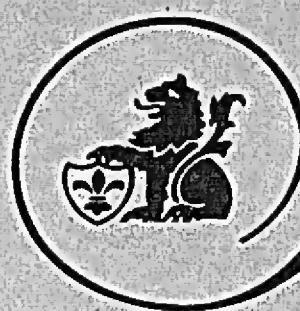
Ranney herself has attended many of the early music concerts.

"They're fabulous," she said.

Other early music concerts are planned for February, March and April.

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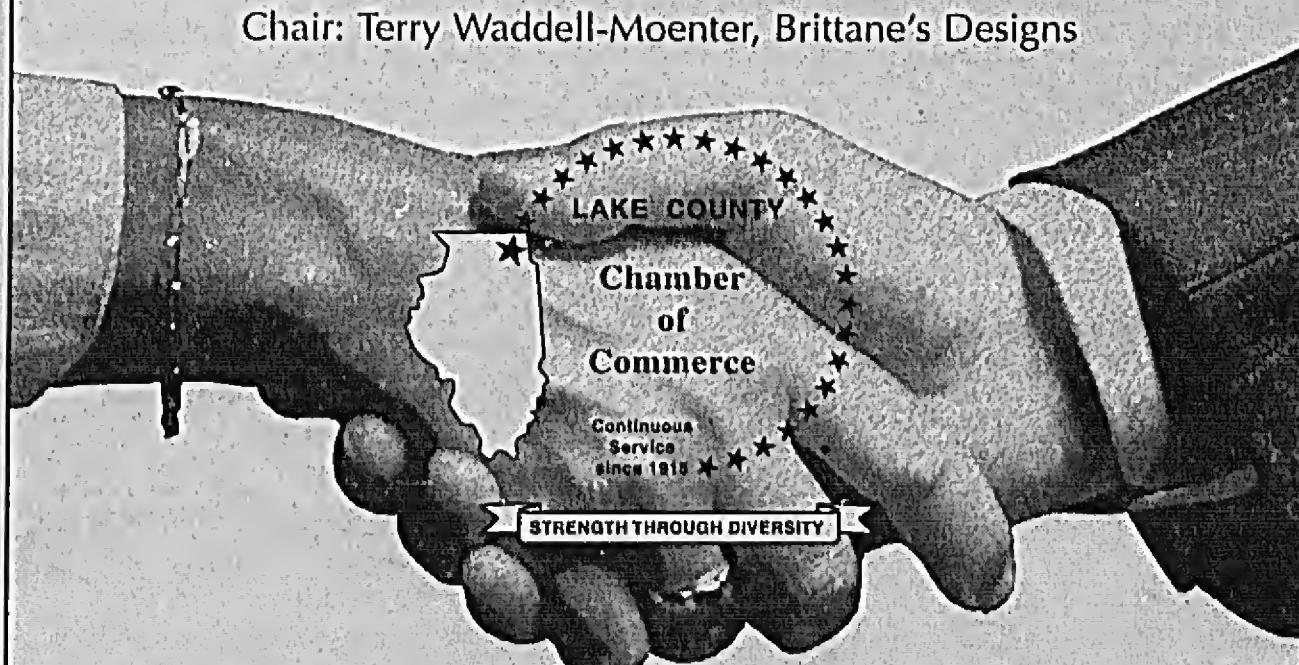
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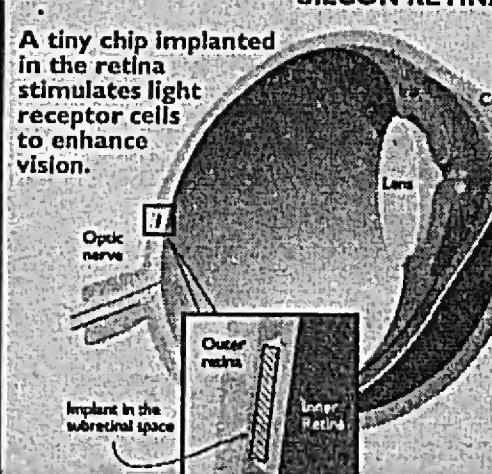
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Redmoon Theater's 12th annual Winter Pageant

Redmoon Theater will perform the 12th annual Winter Pageant, celebrating the changing of the seasons from Dec. 5-Jan. 11 at Redmoon Central (entrance at 1463 W. Hubbard, Chicago).

Conceived as a musical Western, this year's Winter Pageant follows the adventures of Lonesome Pete as he makes his way through a vast desert, guided only by an opera singing man in the moon. Along the way, he encounters giant cacti infested with iguana; swarming, mechanical vultures; a pack of tough Italian cowboys; a band of evil marauders and a town full of barbers with no hair.

Director Frank Maugeri describes production as a wonderful holiday alternative, "which provides outrageous, inventive surprises through multiple styles of puppetry, mechanical objects, live music, song, a wildly adorned space and humorous tales." Redmoon Artistic Director Jim Lasko views the project as "a spectacular journey through the heart of winter to the hope of spring."

Frank Maugeri (Director) is Associate Artistic Director of Redmoon Theater and recent recipient of the NEA/TCG Career Development Award for Directors.

Kevin O'Donnell (Composer) has been a composer and musician in Chicago since graduating from the Northwestern University School of Music in 1994.

Redmoon Theater creates theatrical spectacles that transform streets, stages, and architectural landmarks into places of public celebration utilizing an original theatrical language capable of speaking across cultural, ethnic, and generational boundaries.

For tickets or more information, call 312-850-8440 ext. 111 or log on to www.redmoon.org to make online reservations.

A Real Man For All Seasons

Here we go again.

We haven't even finished stuffing ourselves with Thanksgiving turkey and dad's checking his mailing list, stuffing Christmas cards, and licking the envelopes twice.

Our family efficiency expert has good reason to seal those envelopes tighter than a caroler with too many Hot Toddy's under his belt. Otherwise, he knows I'll spend the holidays personalizing each greeting...probably finishing just in time for the New Year—2010.

I always start out carefully writing heartfelt wishes in my best penmanship...and end up frantically scrawling notes as warm and personal as a chain letter from Marley's Ghost:

**Holiday greetings to one and all,
Please pass along this card to
Uncle Saul.**

**How, you may ask, did I get my gall?
I'm out of time,
And too cheap to call.**

**So glad tidings to you and yours,
With the New Year ringing in man
more...**

**(Like offering my best to Cousin Lou next
door.)**

**And if you're good and my requests are
met,**

**I might just have time to call you
COLLECT!**

Now you understand why it's really a pity my husband didn't go ahead and mail those



LES ON LIFE

Leslie Glazier-Werner

cooler from layers of human belongings worthy of an archeological dig? And who else can play his own version of Twister, prying our 9 year old's fingers off her brothers' throats while returning everyone's stuff to its rightful place in the time it takes to gas up?

So what does this macho guy get for all his trouble?

For one, he gets the chance to hunker down in the hotel sauna when the kids discover there isn't enough snow to ice a black eye. Talk about being sure of his masculinity...he doesn't even hesitate to split with a Barbie towel pinned with his old blue diaper pin when his mother-in-law starts stalking him like Jack Nicholson with cabin fever.

And admit it, nothing is more attractive than a man willing to forgo material comforts for spiritual growth.

How many guys are willing to pack up an assortment of queasy stomachs, runny noses, and raging hormones for just one silent night at a local Christmas Eve service? So what if we're so late we're stuck in the back pew next to a Plexiglas cage called the Nursery. Who knew they were cloning Hannibal Lector behind us, and one was making a serious attempt to break through the Plexiglas with a Tonka Toy? When they finally distribute the Christmas candles we're like peasants in an old Frankenstein movie, warily keeping the toddlers at bay with our flaming torches.

Forget Reality TV. I've got the real thing if you're looking for a relationship that lasts more than one season. If his kids gave it to him, my real man would wear a T-shirt that reads, "It takes GUTS to get this BIG." In my mind, they would be talking about his heart.

Leslie Glazier-Werner can be contacted at lesonlife@msn.com.

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"This annual festival has become a great tradition for families throughout the Chicagoland area and LaSalle Bank is proud to continue to sponsor it," said Norman R. Bobins, president and chief executive officer of LaSalle Bank Corporation. "The LaSalle Bank Winter WonderFest transforms Navy Pier into a magical winter landscape with activities that both adults and children will enjoy."

Among the activities scheduled for this year's Winter WonderFest are: In door ice skating; a children's craft-making area; cookie decorating; large-scale inflatable games; a model train display, Big Bounce;

in-line skating; kiddie train rides; and fireworks Dec. 31 at midnight and Jan. 1 at 6 p.m.

Admission to the Winter WonderFest is free and all-day activity wristbands, which allow unlimited use of activities, are available for \$12. From Nov. 28, 2003, through Jan. 5, 2004, most LaSalle Bank ATMs will distribute half-off coupons with a withdrawal (good for up to 4 persons). Coupons are redeemable at the Winter WonderFest Box Office at Navy Pier.

The festival hours are: Sundays through Thursdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Christmas Eve hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; the festival is closed Christmas Day. New Year's Eve hours are 10 a.m.-11:45 p.m. For more information, please visit the event Web site at www.winterwonderfest.com, or call 312-595-5225.

Holiday Greetings To All From

Music

Holiday song

"For Unto Us A Child Is Born." The music of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" has been thrilling music lovers for some 250 years and will again be enjoyed at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 557 Lake St. in Antioch on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

The Antioch Community Chorus, under the direction of Kris Bolin of Antioch, will bring this hour of Christmas celebration and meditation to area audiences free of charge. Also joining the performance will be four professional vocalists, pianist Chris Kushner of Grayslake and the Tim Montalvo String Ensemble.

Festival Arts of Antioch produces this work annually as a gift to the community from the many commercial and private individuals who make this gift possible.

For more information on the event, call 847-395-1333.

Christmas tunes

The Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago, a youth orchestra dedicated to the future of music with strong emphasis on polished professionalism and musical discipline for high school students, will present a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. This is the third concert of the 2003-2004 season and it will take place in the Copernicus Center, 5216 West Lawrence Ave. and off Kennedy Expressway in Chicago.

Tickets are available at \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for children under age 12. Further information is available at 312-341-1521.

Events

Fun for kids of all ages

For a special holiday treat this Christmas season, bring your children to the premiere performance of "Winter Christmas Tale," a new children's dance, music and drama show, opening in Buffalo Grove.

The show combines dances and musical drama from cultures all around the world, performed by dancers from the dance school Mazurdance in Buffalo Grove. The award-winning troupe was invited to represent the U.S. at the Australian Olympic Games. "Winter Christmas Tale," danced by 60 performers of all ages, combines Christmas characters well-known to American and Russian cultures.

Your child and you will delight in the humor, music, touching story and dance brought to life through folklore characters your child knows and loves. Can Santa outsmart the robbers and find the one little girl in the world who knows the magic word which when spoken will light the lights of Christmas and begin the joy of the holidays? Find out. This is an entirely new show never seen before.

Performances will take place at 12 and 4 p.m. in the auditorium of Buffalo Grove High School, 1100 Dundee Road, in Buffalo Grove. Tickets prices in advance are \$15 for children, \$20 for adults. Tickets at the door are \$20. It will cost \$5 to receive a present from Santa. Tickets are available by calling 847-506-9390.

Quaint little village

An old-fashioned celebration comes alive in the picture perfect holiday setting of historic downtown Long Grove. Enjoy Victorian buildings trimmed in lights, a covered bridge and cobblestone walkways lined in luminaries. Costumed carolers, strolling musicians and Santa & Mrs. Claus are around town on the weekend. Free Holly Trolley available on Sunday. Live reindeer will also be around for all to enjoy.

Extended hours until 8 p.m. Fridays through Dec. 19, Saturday hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit the Web site or call 847-634-0888 for a complete schedule of holiday events and entertainment.

Flowers, music, Santa

"Celebrations! A Festival of Flowers, Lights & Music" continues at the Chicago Botanic Garden Thursdays through Sundays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Jan. 4. The festival also is open on Dec. 31, New Year's Eve.

Acres and acres of glistening lights woven through trees and shrubs lead to the region's most spectacular indoor horticultural displays, featuring a look that changes each year. Families can experience a variety of activities together, including visits with Santa on select evenings, horse and carriage rides (additional fee applies), holiday music performances, ice sculpting, wreaths and decorated trees, storytelling, take-home projects, fine and casual dining, shopping and more.

Admission to "Celebrations!" is \$7 for adults; \$5 for children ages 3-12. Members' pay \$5 for adults; \$3 for children. Parking is \$8.75.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is located at 1000 Lake Cook Road in Glencoe. For more information

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about any of the Chicago Botanic Garden's programs and events, call 847-835-5440, or visit the Web site at www.chicagobotanic.org.

Audition

Sing much?

Chicago Master Singers will hold open auditions for all voices in January 2004. The group, under the direction of Alan Heatherington, will perform Verdi's "Requiem" in collaboration with Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra. This performance will be presented in early April at the Divine Word Chapel in Techy, Illinois, and at Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center in Chicago.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Chicago Master Singers organization. The group features top vocal talent from Chicago and suburban communities. Formerly known as the New Oratorio Singers, CMS has delighted Midwest audiences with regular performances of the great choral masterworks in collaboration with professional soloists and orchestras since 1979.

Interested vocalists are invited to contact CMS for further information and to register for the auditions. The web address is www.chicagomastersinger.org. The phone number is 877-825-5267.

Workshops

Get your hands dirty

The new winter schedule for classes at New Century Clayworks, Inc., in Gurnee includes a variety of opportunities for children and adults to get their hands into clay.

The 12-week schedule offers weekly classes for adults in handbuilding and wheel throwing. Weekly adult classes are available during the day and evening. All classes are suitable for beginners as well as experienced clay workers. Some classes fill very quickly, so early registration is advised.

Classes for children age 7 to 12 are offered for eight weeks on either Tuesdays after school or on Saturday mornings. Kids love clay and many take the class again and again, making lots of clay objects including pinch-pot bowls, slab-built dishes, wall hangings and more.

Winter classes begin Jan. 6. The entire class schedule as well as other information about the studio is available online at www.newclayworks.com. Request a schedule in the mail by calling the studio at 847-625-1799.

New Century Clayworks is located in Gurnee, near the intersection of Highway 41 and

Washington Street.

Listen and Learn

The 19th-annual Zimmerman Lecture Series, presented by the Woman's Board of the Chicago Horticultural Society, features renowned experts in the world of gardening and botany. Participants can select from a variety of guest lecturers and topics to learn more about the world of gardening.

The series opens Jan. 4 at the Chicago Botanic Garden with John Ball, professor of forestry and campus arborist at South Dakota State University, Brookings. His lecture, "Tree Care from Cradle to Grave," will bring gardeners up to date on planting and caring for trees in the home landscape.

Other lecturers include: Tracy DiSabato-Aust on "The Well-Designed Mixed Garden," on Feb. 15; Eric Haskell on "From Formality to Fantasy: Russell Page's Private Gardens in Normandy," on March 14 and Tracy Traer on "What IS Natural, Anyway?" on April 25.

All lectures are at 1 p.m. in the Alsdorf Auditorium of the Education Center at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Lake Cook Road, in Glencoe. Admission is \$10 for Chicago Botanic Garden members; \$15 for non-members. Reservations may be made by mail, by fax or online.

For information about ticket availability, call 847-835-6850. For ticket order forms, visit the Web site at www.chicagobotanic.org/continuing.

Notice

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Habitat for Humanity Lake County reminds everyone about the ReStore center, which sells new and used items for home improvement. Get big savings while helping to build homes for struggling working families in Lake County.

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The ReStore is located at the Lorrell Business Center, one mile south of Buckley Road (Route 137), on Highway 41 in North Chicago.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity, call 847-623-1020 on weekdays.



Discover life of beavers in 'Best dam IMAX movie ever'

Plunge into the habitat of one of nature's greatest engineers and follow a young beaver family as they grow, play and transform the world around them in "Beavers," now showing at the Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Filmed primarily in the Kananaskis region of Alberta, Canada, "Beavers" features closeup shots of the four-foot-long critters felling trees, munching bark and constructing an immense, 300-foot-long dam. The film includes stunning imagery of the Canadian Rockies and captures the diverse woodland life of the mountains.

Watch from the beavers' perspective as trees fall in unpredictable directions, and witness a harrowing dash to safety after a visit from a hungry brown bear. Gradually the beavers tame a

mountain stream, and in time their 300-foot-long dam transforms dozens of acres into a deep freshwater pond.

To protect themselves from predators, beavers construct the entrance of their home underwater. When winter sets in, the pond freezes, encapsulating the beavers in an almost impenetrable fortress of sticks, mud and ice. "Beavers" takes audiences beneath a two-foot-thick layer of ice to watch beavers shuttle food from underwater caches to the warm, dry lodge.

Inside a beaver lodge, cameras witness unique social behavior, including wrestling, dancing and embracing. As monogamous creatures, beaver parents work together to raise their litter of three or four kits. In the spring, beaver parents begin training their kits for beaver life by giving swimming lessons and practicing construction techniques.

"Beavers" won the jury prize and shared the public prize at the Second International IMAX/OMNIMAX Film Festival in La Geode, Paris.

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How-to guides make life easier for holiday bartending

As merrymaking moves into high gear, two new books have come off the presses to guide the home bartender.

"Holiday Cocktails" (Chronicle) by Jessica Strand, a slim volume with appealing photos, includes easy-to-follow instructions for preparing such whimsically titled drinks as The Snowplow, Naughty and Nice and Santa's Baby. Strand tells how to put together a bowl of traditional Wassail, a Norwegian punch, which she translates as "be in good health."

It's listed on Amazon.com as "Drinkology: The Art and Science of the Cocktail" (Stewart Tabori & Chang), by James



COOKING by the BOOK

Tom Witom

Waller, is the more substantial of the two books. Its 384 pages are filled with sound advice on equipment and protocol, and it tells how to fix hundreds of libations, from the classic martini to a strawberry daiquiri. Waller's reference could prove useful to professional and amateur bartenders.

Wassail

(From "Holiday Cocktails")

Cinnamon stick
 6 cloves
 6 whole allspice berries
 2 cups cranberry juice
 6 cups apple cider

Wrap spices in cheese cloth and tie with string. Place cranberry juice, apple/cider, sugar syrup and spices in a stockpot; bring to a simmer and cook for 8 to 10 minutes. Add Calvados and brandy, and cook 1 to 2 minutes longer. Remove cheese-cloth. Serve from heat-proof bowl into heat-proof cups - top each with a thin slice of apple. Serves 8.

3 Tbl. sugar syrup

4 oz. Calvados

4 oz. brandy

1 pippin or Granny Smith apple, quartered, cored and thinly sliced, for garnish

Bloody Mary

(From "Drinkology")

2 oz. vodka
 4 oz. tomato juice
 1/2 oz. fresh lemon juice
 1/4 tsp. fresh, grated horseradish
 1/4 tsp. Tabasco sauce

2 or 3 dashes Worcestershire sauce

Salt

Lemon wedge

Celery stalk for garnish

Rim a highball glass with the lemon wedge and fill the glass with ice cubes. Combine the vodka, tomato juice, lemon juice, horseradish, Tabasco and Worcestershire in a standard cocktail shaker, with ice. Shake well, and strain into the glass. Squeeze the lemon wedge into the drink, and drop it in. Salt to taste, stir briefly and garnish with the celery stalk.

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Give the Blues

What your child doesn't know about the healthful stuff in their burger will be good for them

There's your garden-variety school cafeteria mystery meat, and then there are blueberry burgers.

In early August, a food scientist at the University of Maine made national news with his research about blending blueberries with extra-lean ground beef for more nutritional burgers.

The concept: If kids can't tell the difference, why not slip a vitamin or two into their food?

Those in charge of feeding students rejoiced at the simplicity of being able to put surplus meat and fruit from the federal Department of Agriculture to good use.

Al Bushway, a University of Maine food-science professor, says he has had a steady stream of phone calls since an Associated Press story touted "blues burgers." A plug on NBC's "Today" show the same week added to the frenzy.

"Many want to know how to do it at home," he says.

A couple of years ago, a Texas A&M professor came up with a burger with dried plums (what we used to call prunes). Schools in Denver and Montgomery counties in Maryland, started serving them soon after.

The good news is that it's easy to add more nutritional value in your own kitchen.

For burgers, just add about one or two tablespoons of blueberry puree to a pound of ground beef or turkey. Bushway uses fresh or frozen berries or even wild blueberry powder in his burgers.

The berries need not be perfect. Overripe

and underripe berries work, too.

It took Bushway about a year and a half to find the correct blend, he says. He suggests that home cooks first grind the berries in a blender or food processor. Besides the added nutrition, there are other bonuses.

"You remove the tell tale taste one gets when you reheat a burger a day later," he says.

His studies found that blueberries inhibit that aftertaste for 10 days — not that anyone would want to keep any meat that long.

Bushway says burgers frozen six months also taste fine when thawed and reheated.

Blueberries have all kinds of nutritional pluses: fiber, vitamins and antioxidants (which can prevent cancer and heart disease). The hardest part may be convincing the public to try it.

As soon as you add a new wrinkle to an old idea, people get nervous, says Jim Degen, a consultant for the California Dried Plum Board.

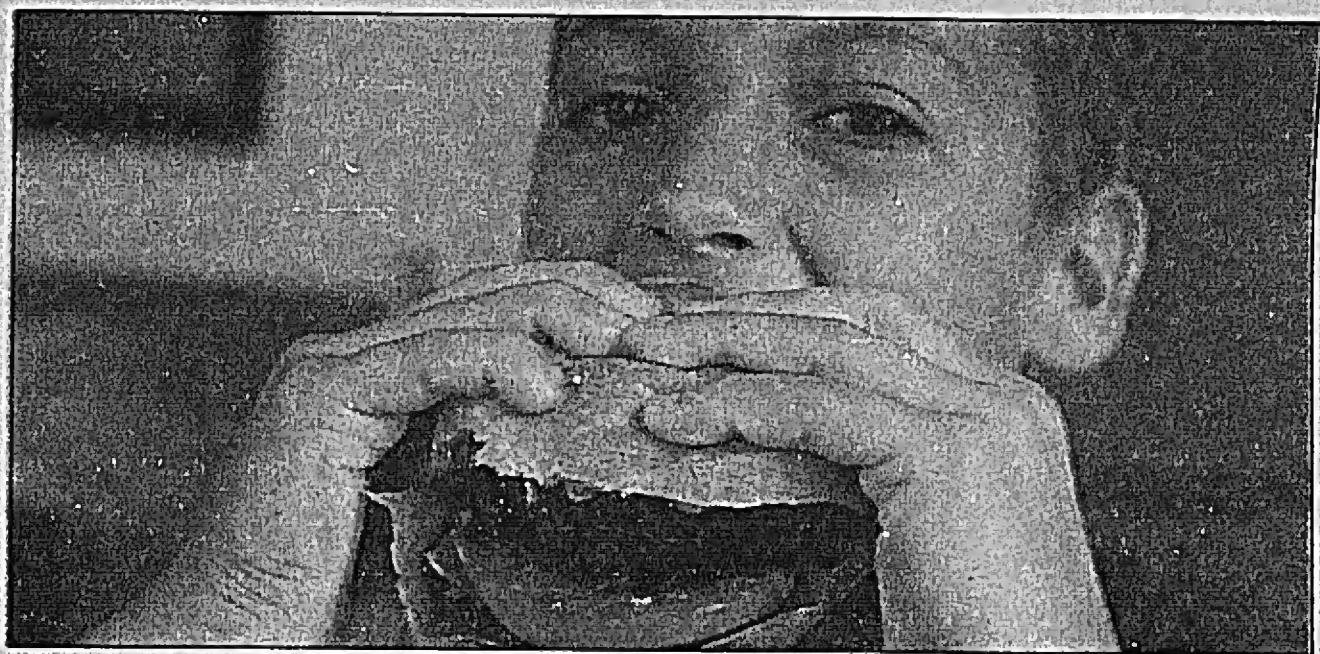
For a couple of years, Degen has been adding dried plums to hamburgers in taste tests.

"You can't taste the dried plums," he insists.

Not convinced?

Degen suggests that cooks buy two pounds of 93 percent lean ground beef, mix in the fruit and make four burgers. Grill them side by side until the meat reaches 165 degrees and then cut open. The fruit makes the burgers much juicier.

The dried plum version will be flowing



with juice.

"They are great-tasting burgers," he says.

While Degen recommends turkey, veal, lamb and pork burgers, he says ground chicken is light and there will be a color shift in the meat.

Degen adds one tablespoon of dried plum puree to a pound of lean ground beef.

He suggests turning the plums into butter

by putting 2-3 ounces of pitted dried plums with a little hot water in a blender or food processor. Prune baby food works, too.

Other fruits are bun-worthy, too. Dried cherries already have been used in Michigan, and there are recipes that use chopped apples, peaches, peanut butter and, of course, tofu.

Mary D. Scourtes

Plum Juicy Burgers

1 pound lean ground beef

1 tablespoon prune baby food or dried plum puree (see below)

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

4 hamburger buns, split and warmed

Lettuce leaves, tomato slices and condiments (optional)

In medium bowl, combine beef and baby food; mix lightly but thoroughly. For best appearance, form and cook patties immediately after mixing meat mixture. Lightly shape into 4 patties that are 1/2-inch-thick. Heat large nonstick skillet about 2 minutes over medium heat until hot. Place patties in skillet; cook 10-12 minutes to medium doneness (160 degrees), until no longer pink in centers and juices show no pink color, turning once.

Season with salt and pepper. Serve in buns with lettuce, tomato and condiments, if desired.

Note: Patties also can be broiled or grilled. To broil, place patties on rack of broiler pan so surface of meat is 3-4 inches from heat.

Broil 9-12 minutes to medium doneness or place patties on grid on grill over medium ash-covered coals. Grill 10-13 minutes to medium doneness, until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning once.

Dried Plum Puree: In food processor, combine 2/3 cup (4 ounces) pitted dried plums and 3 tablespoons water; process on and off until finely chopped. Makes 1/4 cup (4 servings).

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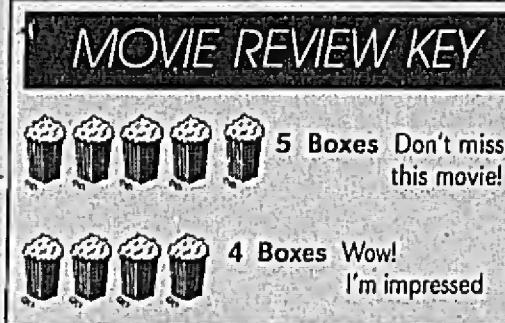
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opening this week

The Cooler: Things change for the better when down-on-his-luck Las Vegas loser William H. Macy meets cocktail waitress Maria Bello. Compleations arise when casino boss Alec Baldwin thinks it's time to break up the romance. **★★★½ (R)**



The Event: Parker Posey is a DA investigating a suicide that reveals unexpected surprises. Sarah Polley and Olympia Dukakis also star. **(R)**



Mona Lisa Smile: Julia Roberts portrays a college professor who inspires young women to excel. Julia Stiles, Kirsten Dunst, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Marcia Gay Harden co-star. **(PG-13)**



still playing

Elf (PG)
★★★

Gothika (R)
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Updated version of Flashdance with Jessica Alba

Looney Tunes (PG)
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Love Don't Cost a Thing (PG-13)
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The conclusion of a poetic journey

LORD OF THE RINGS RETURN OF THE KING



The spectacle that is "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" concludes the fantastic trilogy, and of the three segments it is arguably the most powerful. "The Fellowship of the Ring" and "The Two Towers" had their own magical power; however, this is the kind of movie that gets a robust round of applause at its conclusion. Action and characters nearly beyond description occupy this world. Many questions are answered from the prior films and a resolute ending ties it all together. Each year there are great directorial efforts, but we think that director Peter Jackson deserves a unanimous vote for an Oscar. Most moviegoers know that "LOTR" is in effect a single film that was delivered over the course of three years, with one installment arriving every twelve months.

There are four key elements to this film, one of which is a quite effective ending of about 30 minutes. Another is the juxtaposition of emotions as battles rage and quiet determination prevails. The ring is delivered to its fiery destination and a new world order is established.

Frodo and Sam (Elijah Woods and Sean Astin) make their trek toward Mordor to destroy the ring. Their guide Gollum (Andy Serkis), who Sam distrusts, is a schizophrenic villain who argues with himself. We learn how Gollum came to be and what his motive is right

at the start of the film, which begins with a strange quietness. When one sees this film and reflects back to "The Two Towers," it's hard not to see the role of Gollum as a once-in-a-lifetime performance for Serkis. He makes the unreal real as he tries to drive a wedge between Frodo and Sam. He gets our vote as the year's Best Supporting Actor.

As Sam and Frodo continue their perilous journey to Mount Doom, in Mordor, Aragorn

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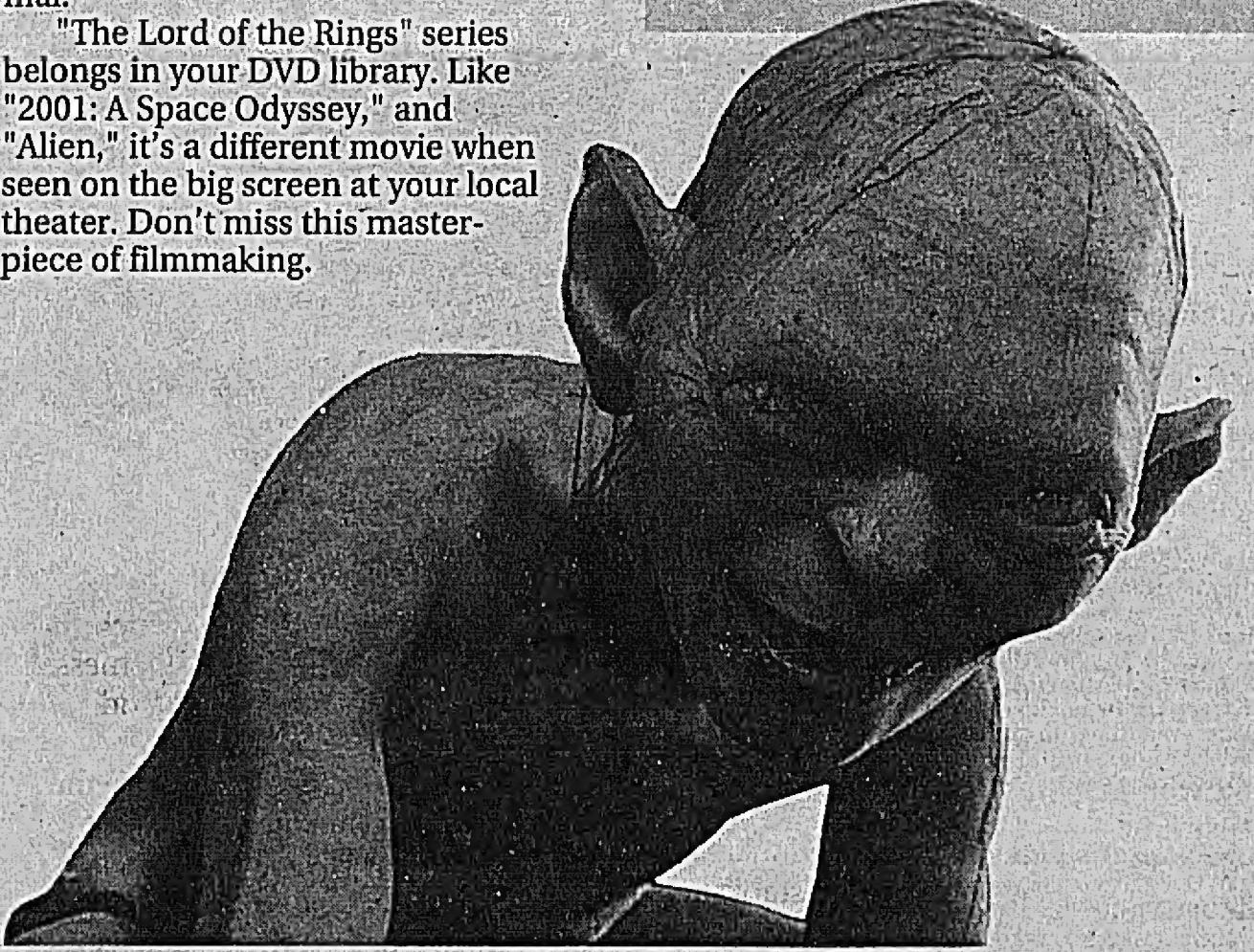
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(Viggo Mortensen) gathers reinforcements from near and far-away villages to fight the Orcs. In addition, he enlists the help of an army of the dead, who wish to redeem themselves for prior sins.

War rages at the castle and things are not looking good. New lines of defense are constantly being reordered. Nonstop action rules. And there are more surprises to behold. Our favorites are the fire-breathing battering ram; the giant, cave-dwelling spider; and the ouliphants (prehistoric elephants), which Orlando Bloom (Legolas) scales like an otherworldly rock climber, latching on to arrows that have pierced the hide of the animal.

"The Lord of the Rings" series belongs in your DVD library. Like "2001: A Space Odyssey," and "Alien," it's a different movie when seen on the big screen at your local theater. Don't miss this masterpiece of filmmaking.



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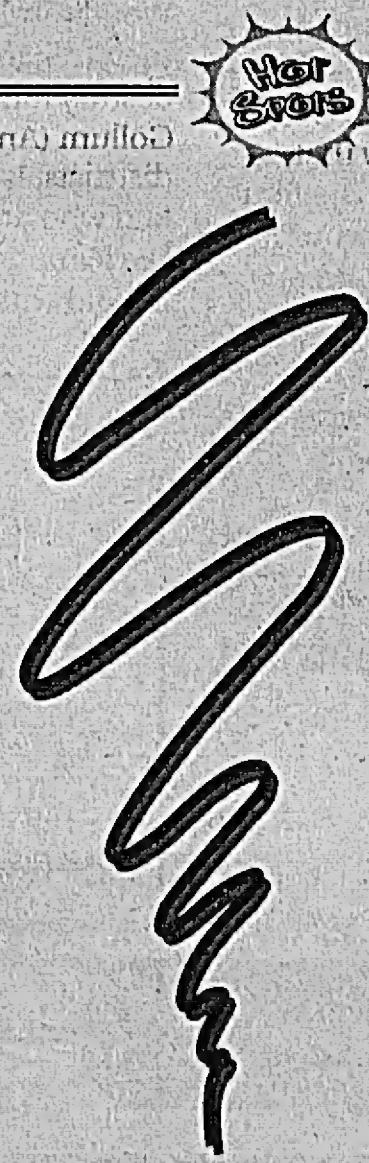
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## The Lord Of The Rings: Return of the King



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### Cast

Elijah Woods  
Sean Astin  
Viggo Mortensen  
Sir Ian McKellen

Frodo  
Sam  
Aragorn  
Gandalf

Directed by Peter Jackson. Based upon the novel by J.R.R. Tolkien. PG-13 for intense epic battle sequences and frightening images. Running time: 200 minutes. Released by New Line Cinema.



Joe Plummer as Louis Armstrong and Felicia Fields as Ella Fitzgerald in "Jammin' With Pops."

CRITIC'S CHOICE / Play  
"Jammin' With Pops"

By Tom Witom

The premise for Barry Harman's musical revue "Jammin' With Pops," directed by Chuck Smith at Apple Tree Theatre, is a good one.

Two jazz greats, Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald, the first lady of song, get together one night in the mid-1960s to make music after a concert in a small-town theater.

But even with two highly talented leads – Joe Plummer and Felicia Fields – the setup of this show seems contrived and the dialogue forced.

Harman's wimpy script saddles his characters with sophomoric humor and mindless banter. The only time it works is when the two stars break into song.

Plummer's toothy smile and gravelly voice are hard to resist as he works his way through a medley of Armstrong favorites to the show-stopping "Wonderful World," which the audience is expected to believe is the first time he has encountered the number.

Fields is no Fitzgerald, but she does offer a strong vocal range and expressively interprets the songs she performs, either singly ("The

Man I Love") or together with Plummer ("Porgy and Bess" medley and "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," for example). The two do a terrific job scat singing "The Heebie Jeebies."

Among other familiar songs on the roster are "On the Sunny Side of the Street," "S'Wonderful," "I Got Rhythm" and "A Tisket, A Tasket."

Apple Tree's space lends a feeling of intimacy to the detailed backstage set created by Keith Pitts. Old props and equipment lie about helter-skelter, and old photos of jazz legends are much in evidence.

Rounding out the cast are Kenn E. Head as a temperamental new guitarist in the group and Don Shell, playing Smiley, the band's mother-hen manager.



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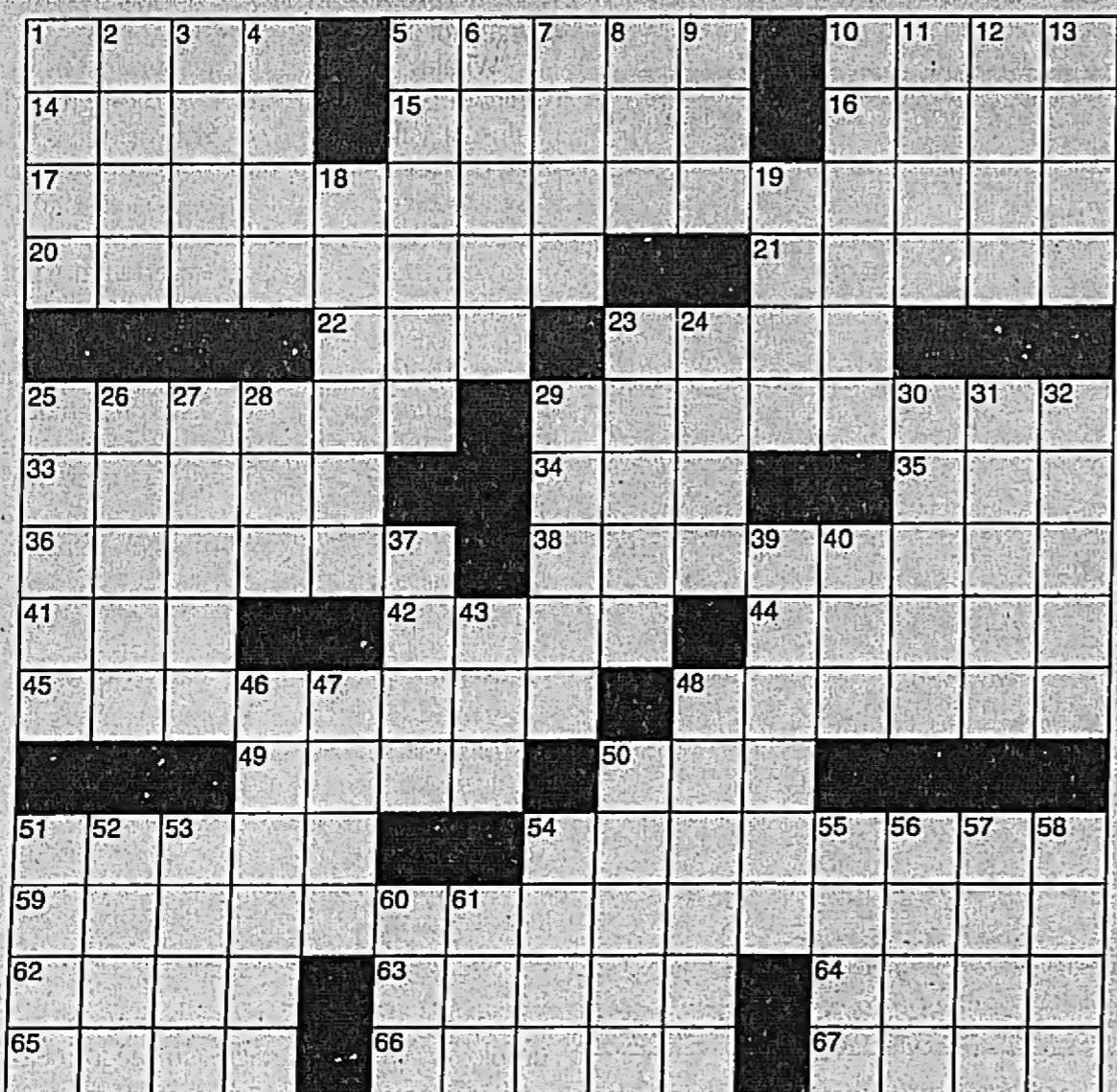
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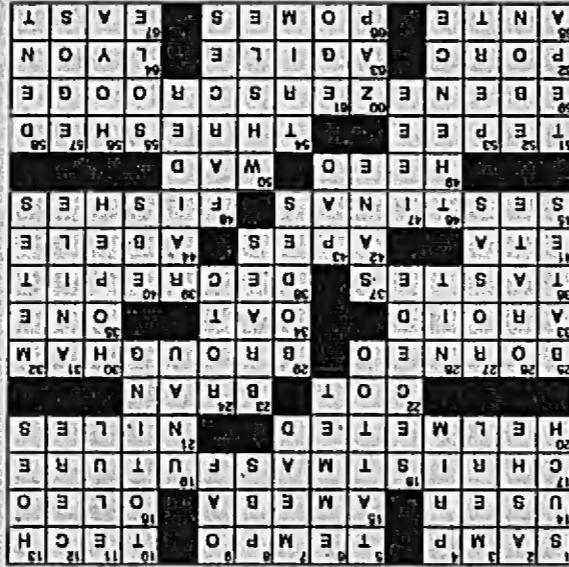
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28. Reordered tin
29. Signals
30. Chinese province
31. Old
32. Distributes
37. Reasonable
39. Thief

## Answers



## HOROSCOPE

## Aries - March 21/April 20

Get straight to the point when talking with a close friend about a problem. He or she is more than willing to help you and won't tell anyone what you have to say. So, don't be nervous. Just open up. A loved one offers you some romantic advice. Take it!



## Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

While you don't like to take orders from others, you're going to have to do just that early in the week. A business associate takes charge of a problem. Do what this person asks you to do, because you know that he or she is best-suited to handle this situation. Leo plays a key role.



## Taurus - April 21/May 21

While you just want to stay home this week, Taurus, you're going to be on the go. Holiday festivities are starting a little bit early, and your presence is required. Don't get upset; the events are going to be much more fun than you expect. Scorpio plays an important role late in the week.



## Gemini - May 22/June 21

Be sympathetic to a business associate who is having some personal trouble. While you shouldn't get too involved with this person's problems, give him or her some extra time to deal with them during the workday. This kindness will be appreciated. Cancer plays a key role on Thursday.



## Cancer - June 22/July 22

Try not to fly off the handle when a loved one tells you about the trouble that he or she is in. This person needs your help, not your anger. Be supportive, and give him or her suggestions on how to deal with the situation. You're the only one who can really help. Be there for this person.



## Leo - July 23/August 23

Your arrogance could get you into a sticky situation this week, Leo. So, don't be too cocky when it comes to a business situation. Take credit for your accomplishments, but try to be modest too. Remember, you haven't done everything on your own; you did have some help. Don't forget to acknowledge others.



## Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

You're on your own this week, Virgo, and that's just how you like it. You have plenty of time to finish those last-minute holiday preparations. So, get to it. You'll be amazed at how much you accomplish in a few days. That special someone has a surprise for you late in the week. Show him or her your appreciation.



## Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

Don't let an argument with an acquaintance put you in a bad mood early in the week, Sagittarius. He or she doesn't mean to upset you; this person is just speaking his or her mind. That special someone wants to intensify your relationship. Think about what you really want before saying yes. Pisces plays a key role.



## Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Don't be shy when you meet an interesting person while out with friends this week, Capricorn. Just be yourself, and you're sure to make a good impression. This could be the one for you! A loved one offers you some constructive criticism. Take it!



## Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

You have a lot that you want to do this week, Aquarius. However, be realistic when making your "to do" list, because it can't all get done in a few days. Set your priorities, and get organized. That's the only way you'll get anything accomplished this week. Taurus plays an important role on Tuesday.

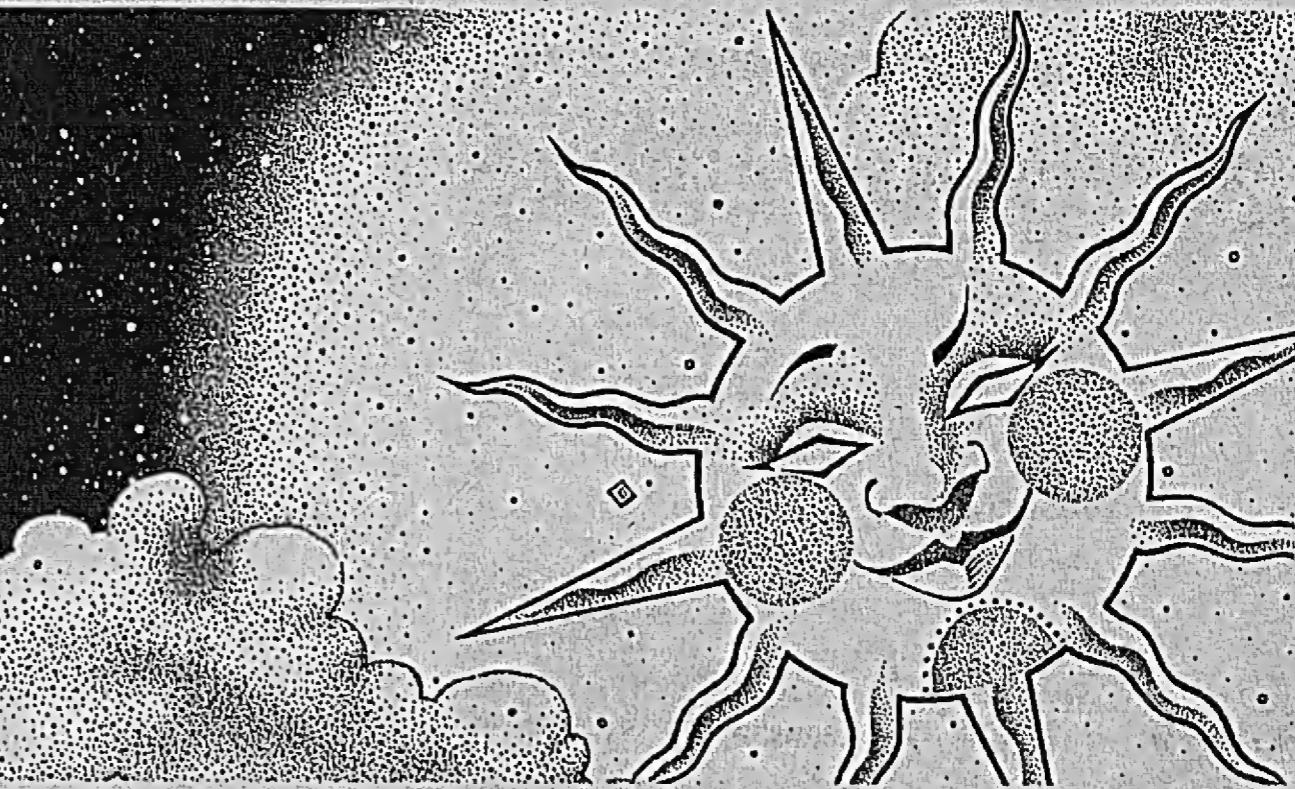


## Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

A loved one turns to you for romantic advice. Be honest — and gentle — with him or her. While this person needs to hear what you have to say, he or she doesn't necessarily want to hear it. The person whom you've been seeing stops calling. Don't be upset; there are other fish in the sea.



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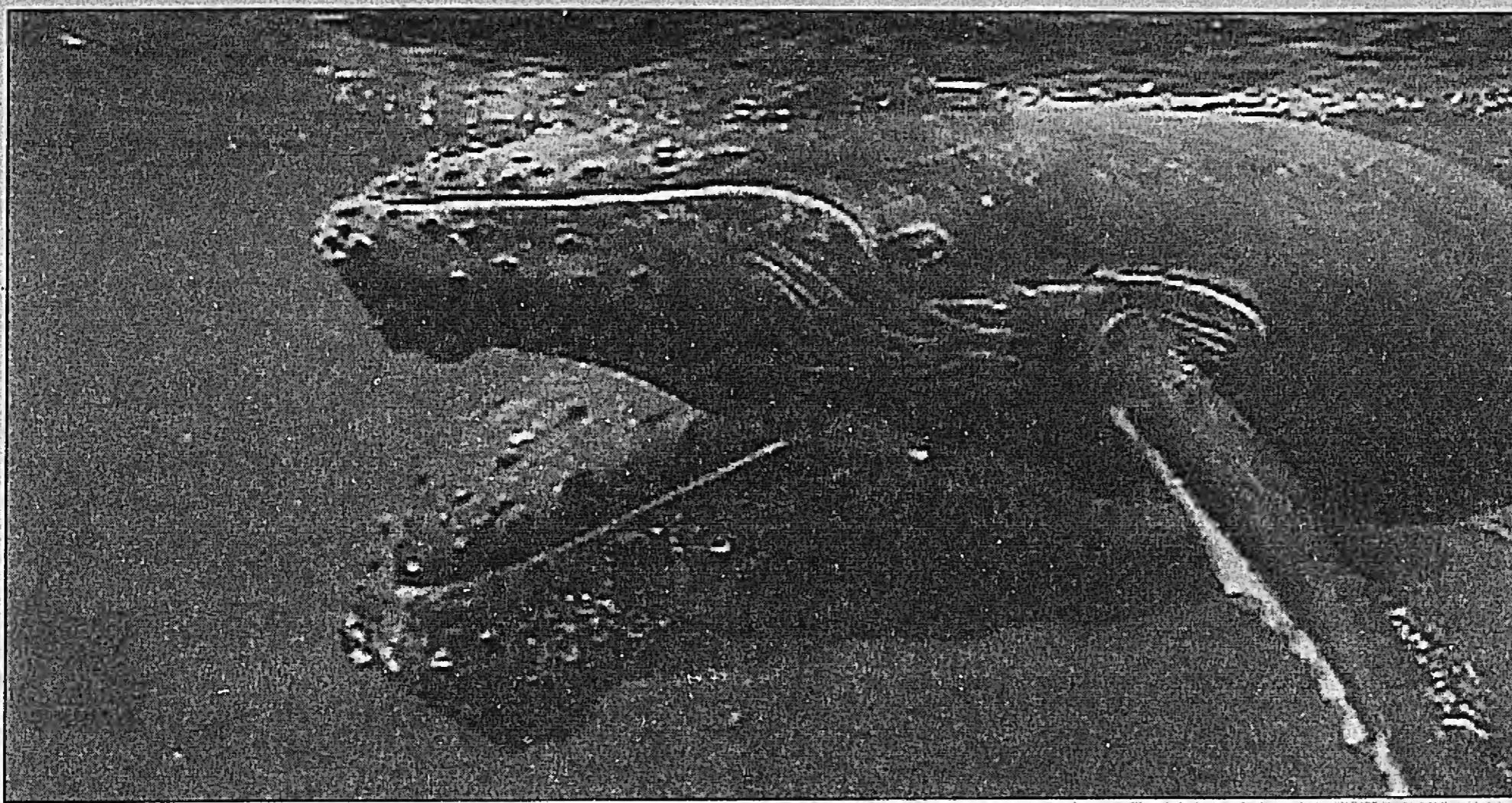
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Watch a humpback whale use its enormous tail to "ride the wind" as a sail and swim along with a newborn calf as its mother pushes it to the surface for its first breath of air. See 10-ton behemoths leap from the water in playful breeching. Waddle on the beach with penguins and race through a pack of dolphins with adventurous sea lions.

Tickets are \$7 for adults (16-61), \$6 for seniors

(62-plus) and \$5.50 for children (3-15). Admission is free for children two and under seated on an adult's lap. For more information or to make reservations, call 414 319-4629 or visit the Museum's Web site, [www.mpm.edu](http://www.mpm.edu). A \$1.50 service fee is charged for advance reservations.

"Whales" joins the annual migration from the whales' mating site to their feeding ground at Peninsula Valdez in southern Argentina. Using thick calluses on their heads as horns, a pair of males battle in the surf for dominance and the choice of breeding partners.

When their calves are strong enough, a pod of humpback whales sets off from Hawaii for the Alaskan coast to feed. The journey is fraught with danger. The film follows the group as it crosses busy shipping lanes where loaded freighters can cut their enormous bodies in half. Mothers must also protect their young calves from the prowling Orca, or killer whale.

When the nomadic humpbacks reach their summertime home in the fjords and bays of coastal Alaska, individual whales will have lost a third of their weight during the migration.

Though they are the largest mammals on earth, most whales, like the huge blue whale and the humpback, feed on the smallest of plants and animals. Whales take in great mouthfuls of seawater and use their baleen, or millions of hair-like teeth, as a strainer. After the water rushes out, millions of microscopic plants and animals called krill and plankton remain. Collectively, krill and plankton make up the largest mass of protein on earth.

"Whales" features aerial footage of the pod employing group strategies to feed. Locating a concentration of krill, which appears as a red cloud on the sea surface, the whales swim beneath and blow massive bubbles, creating a net that keeps the krill and other small fish in the middle. Then nearly a dozen whales swim straight up toward the surface, mouths open, to devour the trapped meal.

Produced by Emmy-award winner David Clark with cinematography by Al Giddings of "Titanic" and "The Abyss."

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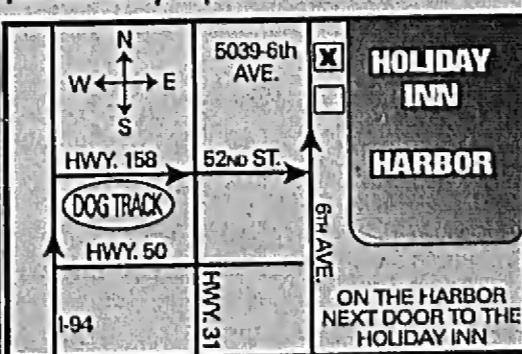
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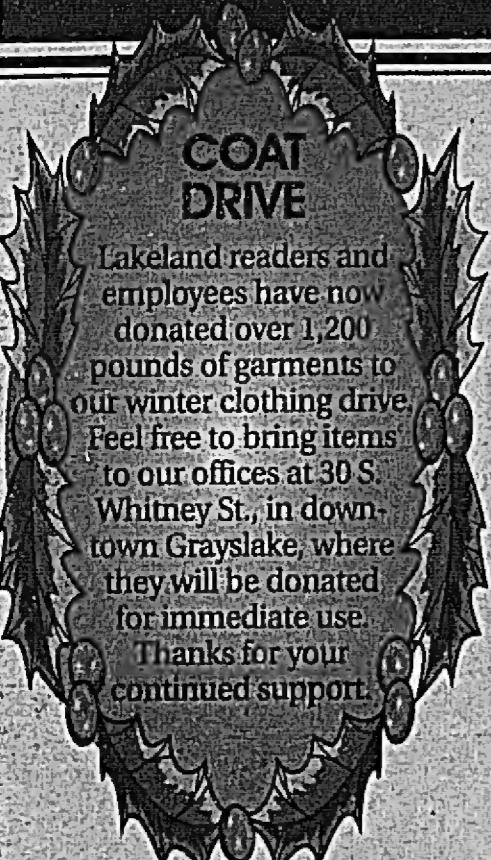
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## AT A GLANCE

### Miss Illinois visits school with message

**Lake Villa**—Andrea Fritz, the reigning Miss Illinois, visited Pleviak Elementary School with a message. Fritz, a 21-year-old junior at EIU, is not resting on her crown.

Fritz has been on a statewide tour since Red Ribbon Week in October, when she launched a series of visits to schools. The message she is sharing with children and teens is an outgrowth of her platform: Preventing Youth Violence: Books Not Bars.

### Man arrested for abusing baby

**Mundelein**—Police arrested a Mundelein man for aggravated battery of an 8-week-old boy.

Martin Hernandez, 23, of 333 Hickory was charged with three counts of aggravated battery after doctors ruled the baby suffered injuries associated with shaken baby syndrome.

Medical staff diagnosed the baby with a fractured skull, fractured ribs, fluid on the brain and a spiral fracture of the leg. The baby remains in the intensive care unit in Wisconsin in critical condition.

### Police chief resigns

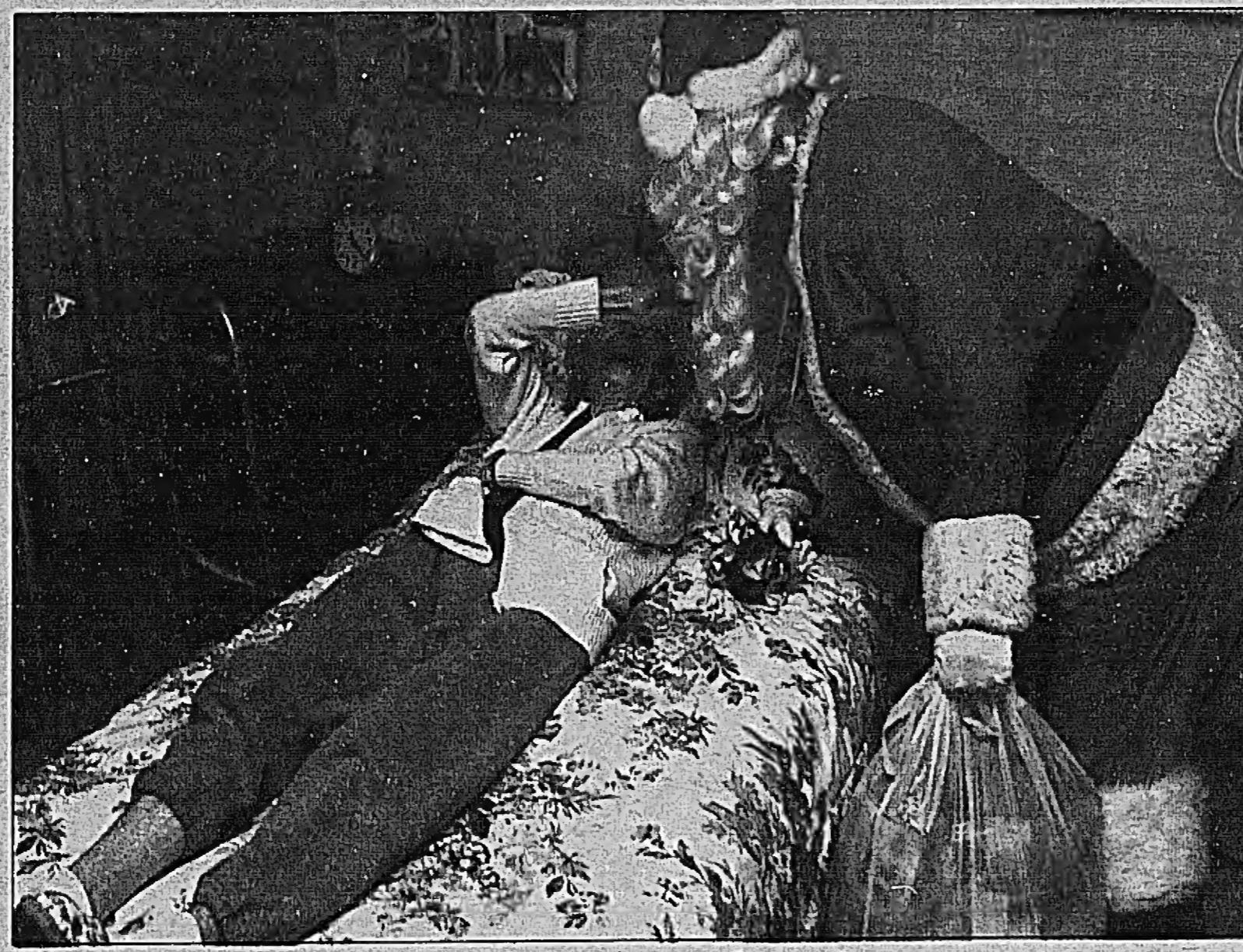
**Round Lake**—Area Park District Police Chief Mike Greisz has resigned to take a job as police chief in Mayfield, Ky. Until a replacement is chosen, Lt. Vic Ligenza, will head the Round Lake Area Park District Police.

### Service to celebrate life of missing teen

**Johnsburg**—Friends, the public and family members are expected to celebrate Brian Carrick's life at a service Dec. 20. The 11 a.m. service will be at St. John's Catholic Church in Johnsburg.

"Essentially, it is a funeral service without a casket. We want his body to be returned," said Terry Carrick, Brian's mom.

Almost a year to the date after Carrick's mysterious disappearance, Johnsburg Police continue to investigate the case.



Santa's secret is out

Mike Desko of the Grayslake Exchange Club as Santa Claus has his beard tugged by Winchester House resident Agnes Dinse in her room at the Libertyville nursing center during their annual Secret Santa program.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

# BUZZ OFF

### West Nile cases, death totals down dramatically in state, county in 2003

By ROB BACKUS  
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After having led the nation in the number of diagnosed human cases of West Nile virus in 2002, Illinois officials were preparing for more of the same in 2003.

Fortunately, the anticipated outbreak never came this summer. Illinois had just 52 human cases and one death in 2003 and only one case of West Nile infection in Lake County.

In 2002, Illinois reported 884 cases and 66 deaths, roughly 20 percent of the nation's total reported West Nile infections that year.

Several factors contributed to this year's reduction in the number of West Nile cases in Illinois, according to George Balis, an entomologist with Roselle-based Clark Mosquito Control.

"It was a three-pronged effect," Balis said. "The first was environmental conditions. It was a much cooler summer; we only had a handful of days over 90 degrees.

"The second was public awareness and education. We had hundreds of phone calls of people, reporting unknown catch basins, which are a breeding ground for the Culex mosquito, which carries West Nile. Newspapers and other media were also integral in educating the public (about West Nile).

"Third was control methods. The Illinois Department of Public Health issued a directive that catch basins receive treatment a minimum of two times per season."

Local communities also contributed to the prevention of a West Nile outbreak, as most area villages with a population over 5,000 spent at

### How much did it cost?

What the county and some villages budgeted for mosquito abatement in 2003:

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|----------------------|-----------|
| Antioch              | \$22,165  |
| Fox Lake             | \$25,000  |
| Grayslake            | \$27,000  |
| Gurnee               | \$91,300  |
| L.C. Forest Preserve | \$235,960 |
| Lake Villa Township  | \$5,000   |
| Libertyville         | \$35,249  |
| Lindenhurst          | \$24,000  |
| Mundelein            | \$64,762  |
| Wauconda             | \$30,880  |

Sources: village, township and county administrators

least \$25,000 on mosquito abatement.

Gurnee led the way with \$91,300 spent on abatement, followed by Mundelein, which spent \$60,256. The Lake County Forest Preserve spent \$225,000.

Wauconda, Antioch, Grayslake and Libertyville all spent at least \$25,000.

"A lot more communities came on board with mosquito management," said Lake County Health Department Water Quality Specialist Mike Adam.

So what was more important to the lack of human cases, environmental factors or human intervention?

"That's a hard question to answer," Adam said. "But people definitely had an effect. We would have seen more cases if not for com-

Please see BUZZ / B6

## 90-year-old did not die from flu, officials say

A 90-year-old Lake County man died last week from a stroke after being admitted to a hospital with flu symptoms—not because of the flu as had been reported in some area newspapers.

Leslie Piotrowski, communications manager for the Lake County Health Department said earlier reports the man died of the flu had been changed with updated reports arrived indicated the cause of death to be by a stroke.

The man was found to have the Influenza "A" virus and was suffering from other pre-existing illnesses. He had received this year's flu vaccination, Piotrowski said.

Piotrowski said it was not impossible that the flu contributed to his death, but it is not on the death certificate as the official cause of death.

Numbers for deaths related to flu or pneumonia in recent years range from 2,000-3,000 in Illinois. The elderly, infirm and infants are at greatest risk for serious symptoms and/or death.

## WHO'S FILED?

The following is an official list of candidates who have filed for the March 16, 2004 local primary

### Lake County Board

#### District 1

Spiro F. Georgeson (D)  
\*Judy Martini (R)  
Anita Merkel Dyer (R)  
Wayne Blake (R)

#### District 5

Jim Farrell (R)  
\*Bonnie Thomson Carter (R)

#### District 6

Steven Skinner (D)  
Lawrence (Larry) Leafblad (R)  
Robert W. Depke (R)  
Bryan A. Gutraj (R)

#### District 10

\*Donald W. Bauer (R)

#### District 11

\*Diana O'Kelly (R)  
George S. Kinser (D)  
John H. Nickels (R)

#### District 14

\*Audrey Nixon (D)

#### District 16

\*Robert E. "Bob" Powers (R)  
Michelle M. Daye (R)

### Lake County Circuit Court Clerk

Mary "Margo" Nelson (D)  
\*Sally D. Coffelt (R)

### Lake County Coroner

Sophia M. Schild (D)  
Richard L. Keller (D)  
\*James "Jim" Wipper (R)

### Lake County State's Attorney

Michael D. Jacobs (D)  
\*Michael J. Waller (R)

### Lake County Recorder of Deeds

\*Mary Ellen Vandeventer (D)  
Dana Sabonjian (R)

### North Shore Sanitary District

Ward 2  
\*Stephen J. Drew (D)

#### Ward 3

Effie Wroten (D)  
\*John J. Jurkovic, Sr. (D)

#### Ward 5

Daniel M. Pierce (D)  
Raymond J. Geraci (R)

\*Denotes incumbent

Source: Lake County Clerk's office at [www.co.lake.il.us/cntyclk](http://www.co.lake.il.us/cntyclk)

## 'Some guy' defeats Grinch

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER  
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that an additional 150 toys collected by the florist and his employees had been stolen from the store.

After the story was on local TV and daily papers, Davis received a call the next morning from a man who asked, "Would \$3,500 do it?" Davis, stunned, said, "Yes." When he asked who the gift was from, the man said, "Just say 'some guy' gave you the money."

More calls came in, and by noon, there were more than enough contributions to cover the lost items twice, allowing Davis to add 150 more sick and injured children to Santa's list.

"I went from 'This is great' to 'people are awful' to 'people are wonderful,'" Davis said.

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## Uncertainty clouds outlook for jobs in county, report says

Lake County area employers anticipate an unsteady hiring pace during the first quarter of 2004, according to the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

From January to March, 17 percent of the companies interviewed plan to hire more employees, while 20 percent intend to reduce their workforce, according to Manpower spokesperson Tom Turigliatto. Another 63 percent expect to maintain their current staff levels.

"Lake County area employers reported more encouraging staffing plans for the fourth quarter when 20 percent of the companies interviewed predicted an increase in hiring activity, while 13 percent planned to decrease the hiring pace," said Turigliatto. "A year ago at this time, employers were also more upbeat when 23 percent of companies surveyed thought employment increases were likely and 13 percent intended to cut back."

For the coming quarter, job prospects appear best in Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing and Wholesale/Retail Trade. Employers in the Services and Public

Administration sectors plan to reduce staffing levels, while those in Durable Goods Manufacturing voice mixed hiring intentions. Hiring in other sectors is expected to remain unchanged.

The national results of the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey reveal that U.S. employers continue to show optimism in their hiring forecast for the first quarter of 2004. For the first time in five years, employers expressed an increase in hiring expectations from the fourth quarter to the first quarter.

Of the 16,000 U.S. employers that were polled, 20 percent said they plan to boost employment levels for the first three months of 2004, while 13 percent anticipate a slower hiring pace. Sixty-one percent of employers expect to offer the same number of jobs as last quarter, and 6 percent are unsure of their first quarter employment activity. When the seasonal variations are removed from the survey results, the data reveals that the hiring forecast from January to March is more positive than it was last quarter and relatively consistent with the outlook a year ago.

### EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK SURVEY

The following table shows the percentage of employers in the state who plan to change or maintain the size of their workforce in the first quarter of 2004, according to a survey by Manpower, Inc.

|                | Increase | No change | Decrease | Don't know |
|----------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Lake County    | 17%      | 63%       | 20%      | 0%         |
| McHenry County | 3%       | 84%       | 13%      | 0%         |
| North Suburbs  | 22%      | 46%       | 5%       | 27%        |
| Chicago        | 16%      | 71%       | 13%      | 0%         |
| Chicago Metro  | 17%      | 62%       | 13%      | 8%         |
| State averages | 17%      | 65%       | 13%      | 5%         |

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## Gun buy-back program takes over 1,000 weapons off the street

**Gurnee collects the most with 49 total**

By JEFF ZACHARY  
[jzachary@lakelandmedia.com](mailto:jzachary@lakelandmedia.com)

When you combine the 206 guns purchased at this year's Lake County Gun-Buy-Back Program with the 478 bought last year and the 408 taken off the street in 2001, the three-year total comes to 1,081.

And that's an impressive number according to Lake County Crimestoppers Executive Director Andy Anderson.

And although this year's numbers did not compare to the previous years, Anderson said the program was still a success.

"There is no question in my mind that when you take over 200 guns off the street that you are saving at least one person's life," Anderson said.

The buyback was sponsored by the Lake County Crimestoppers, the Lake County Sheriff's Department, the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association and the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group.

Anyone turning in a gun received a \$50 gift certificate to a Lake County store or \$50 cash.

The following Police Departments purchased guns: Buffalo Grove, 29; Grayslake, 16; Gurnee, 49; Round Lake Beach, 16; Lake Forest, 24; Highland Park, 11; Mundelein, 28; and Waukegan, 33.



Left—Mundelein Police Officer Mark Parrish helps load rifles into a garbage can to be disposed of by the Northern Illinois Crime Lab following a press conference at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The guns were collected during the annual county-wide gun buy-back program. Below—Lake Forest Investigator Tim Gehring and Buffalo Grove Police Commander Mike Soucy haul a garbage can full of rifles.—Photos by Sandy Bressner



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## EDITORIALS

### Reasons make season special

In an era where trampling tradition is popular and political correctness has taken the place of common sense, the Christmas season and what it stands for can seem oddly paradoxical.

Still, where commercialism is bewailed on one hand and while fear of offending is ever present on the other hand, the time of year brings forth qualities that are worth practicing year around. Examples of greed and selfishness abound in a materialistic age, yet giving and sharing are part of the human spirit that endure. Nations go to war, yet teachings of good will toward men and desires for peace are immutable.

Who among us as right-minded people would argue against the wisdom of giving and sharing, and the eternal quest for peace in the world?

Christians are imbued with the miracle of advent. Indeed, the last days of the year are cause for all Americans to celebrate countless wonders provided by our local food pantries, religious groups, diverse charities and selfless civic organizations making sure no one goes hungry and no child is forgotten.

For all the hustle and bustle, and despite the hurts that persist, the holiday season is a good time to be alive. Enjoy. Be glad. And remember, Merry Christmas.

### Images of 2003: seen and unseen

Of all the images depicting events of 2003, the most arresting will be that of Saddam Hussein being pulled from a hole in the ground, bedraggled and bewildered. How ironic that the despot who once was among the most powerful and feared leaders in the world turns out to be a miserable, sickly, smelly, vermin-like creature when found alone.

Shocking as is the picture of the cruel dictator, there are other images of 2003 that will be more lasting and significant in the quest for world peace. Among the permanent pictures of the year will be those depicting brave American soldiers bringing freedom to downtrodden Iraqi citizens.

There is one picture that doubtlessly will not be part of the record of 2003. That of the doubters and apologizers questioning what is good and right about America hanging their heads in shame as they bewail the War on Terrorism and advocate a hands-off policy on Saddam.

### When 'far out' becomes close in

What a fix we're in. "Fix" might not exactly be the right word to describe the outward migration of suburbia, but it aptly describes the Alice in Wonderland situation where once far out suburban communities now are close in or at least "closer in" to the Chicago center city as developers reach farther for new lands on which to build homes.

The paradox of suburbia came to mind when a metropolitan newspaper spotlighted DeKalb as the next "frontier" for Chicago developers. A lot has changed at DeKalb, home of Northern Illinois University and once derided as "Suitcase U" because of the weekly Friday exodus of students to escape the boredom of a rural town. With a plentiful supply of less expensive land, the home of NIU is regarded as a boom town in the making. Of course, the emergence of the NIU Huskies as a national football power also has something to do with changing opinions.

Demographers—and developers—see DeKalb as attractive because of the availability of homes for less money, the lure of campus cultural activities and a low crime rate. And, as a sort of tempting afterthought, malls and big-box retail stores also have arrived in the town more than 60 miles west of the Loop.

The same characteristics of less expensive land and bigger homes can be attributed to communities like Spring Grove, Richmond and west Kenosha County that now are attracting families that used to stop in Gurnee, Grayslake, Mundelein, Lake Zurich, Wauconda and the Round Lake area. With the economic leapfrog effect in sway, the central and west Lake County towns once considered on the outer edge of suburbia now are "close in" or sort of "close in" when distance is measured in miles and not commuter drive time.

Speaking of drive time, California long has been the champion of identifying suburbia by drive time rather than miles. With easy access and expressway speeds in excess of 70 mph, California suburbanites think nothing of 70 and 80 mile commutes. Piece of cake to get to a sizeable modern home at an affordable price. They cover a lot more geography in the same time Lake County commuters are inching along in northern Illinois gridlock.

If DeKalb has a "suburban feel" as the writer gushed, does that mean we should feel kind of "closed in" or as we mentioned "closer in"?



## VIEWPOINT

### It's Christmas—leave the X's out

Everyone should be lucky enough to have an old-fashioned grandmother or a favorite aunt whose words and deeds provide special meaning to the Christmas season.

Alice Davis, a grandmother herself, wrote about her late Aunt Dovie who conducted a personal campaign every year exhorting everyone to spell out Christmas—with no exceptions. "The abbreviation Xmas was to be avoided as taking Christ out of Christmas," related Alice.

Aunt Dovie resided in Cairo, IL and conducted her anti-X drive in the area where three states converge, Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky. Folks there generally are plain-spoken, hard working and God fearing.

Davis, a resident of Mundelein, recalled Aunt Dovie admonishing, "Don't be a lazy child, Alice. Spell out Christmas. It's well worth your time."

Aunt Dovie, besides her aversion to the short cut Xmas was known for serving kind words and good food. With no disrespect intended, Alice noted that there is historical precedence for the X. Long ago when Christians were persecuted or executed, X marked the spot where a believer fell. An X was carved in caves where worshipers met. It turned on its side, an X becomes a



**BILL SCHROEDER**  
Publisher

cross. At a time when paper and ink were scarce, X became a means of economy. Alice mentioned that reference works continue to document that in the early church X was used to indicate Christ the Messiah.

History notwithstanding, we're with Aunt Dovie on the X taboo. The long form—and the preferred form in our opinion—still is Christmas.

#### Remembering Simon

U.S. Sen. Paul Simon was such an honest, decent, courteous person, you could like him as a friend even if you didn't like his politics. In an arena better known for pomposity and ego mania, Senator Simon always stood apart for his down-to-earth style and his respect for the common man. In a homespun way,

the Downstate Democrat was disarming and captivating. Face-to-face encounters with Paul Simon always were a warm and gracious experience.

#### Back to school

Tom Beck, Lakeland Media's award winning editorial cartoonist and a 2003 Golden Apple Award winner for teaching excellence, is returning to the classroom after a sabbatical at Northwestern University.

Beck never missed a newspaper deadline, but he had to step lively to keep up with NU underclassmen. "Where do they get all their energy?" Beck reflected after final exams. The fall semester at Northwestern was part of the teaching award. Being a student again was exhilarating and rewarding, but Beck added, "I found it's easier to teach school than to go back to school."

#### One man's family

Sadie, the golden retriever who dominates our household, has taken over a Cat in the Hat doll meant to be a holiday decoration as her personal plaything. Poor Cat already is missing an eye and a leg, but Sadie is relentless in parading around with a disintegrating toy. By Christmas Eve, once jaunty Cat in the Hat will be only a memory.

## COMMENTARY

### Village of crosses continues to shine

By Constance Colson

It seems that the past few years, there have been fewer and fewer Christmas crosses on the houses and lawns of Wauconda. That is saddening because the crosses set our community apart and made a statement about the true meaning of Christmas. The year that Wauconda started to put them up, I went from a "bah-humbug" person to one who looked forward to the Christmas season with a sense of excited expectation.

Wauconda has welcomed many new residents since that day 1989, and perhaps they don't know of the cross tradition and how it started. Perhaps if they did, we would see some new crosses going up.

I call it "the day of the crosses," that Sunday after Thanksgiving in 1989. On that Sunday, the pastors of the churches in our community spoke out about an attack against

our town, and a pending lawsuit being threatened by self-proclaimed atheist, Robert Sherman.

While not a resident of Wauconda, Mr. Sherman took it upon himself to dictate how we should celebrate Christmas. For all the 21 years that I had lived in Wauconda, every Christmas season was heralded by the lighting of crosses on top of two water towers. That year it was not to be. Mr. Sherman believed that they were a violation of the separation of church and state. He demanded that they be removed, and the town capitulated rather than be involved in an expensive lawsuit. Ironically, Mr. Sherman had no objections to replacing them with "secular" stars.

As a Christian, I found his reasoning amusing, while at the same time being enraged that an outsider could force his wishes on a whole town. This is his avocation, though he has forced many town to change their village seals, remove religious

items from public property, etc. So, the crosses, the symbol of Easter, were removed and replaced with shining stars of Bethlehem.

That might have been the end of it if not for the ire of the residents of Wauconda. On that Sunday, our pastor exhorted us to put up our own crosses on our own property. All over Wauconda his message was being repeated by other pastors, and by word of mouth. There was a run on white Christmas lights in all the local stores. Soon you had to go far afield to find some, or be more creative and use colors.

My kids and I retired to our garage and with the help of some stray lumber, a circular saw, a friendly neighbor, and dumb luck, we emerged two hours later with a five foot cross for our roof. Ours was one of the first, but by the end of the week we drove around our town of 5,000 people and counted

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## PARTY LINES

PARTY LINES, THE LAKELAND NEWSPAPERS' COLUMN OF POLITICAL OPINION, IS PREPARED FROM STAFF REPORTS.

## Former politician singed by politics

**A**l Westerman, former Lake County Board member and a past president of the Forest Preserve District shrugged off his sacking from the Farm Heritage Committee as "politics."

The committee is studying sites to create a mid-century farmstead (1940s-1950s) and a modern new-age agricultural demonstration. Being dropped from the committee, Westerman speculated, "probably was to settle some old scores."

Westerman was notified by letter a few days before the committee met Dec. 11 to solidify a program for developing the Raven Glen Farm on Route 45 east of Antioch.

A Republican, Westerman first gained prominence by knocking off powerful **Bob Depke** in a primary upset. He voluntarily stepped out of elective politics to tend a small farm and handle family business.

**Santa's the man**

The man behind the whiskers and red stocking cap could be Avon Township Supervisor **Russ Christian**. "I've been playing Santa Claus for a number of years. People don't know that," remarked Christian. Now



**Westerman:**  
Political 'victim'  
wrested from  
farm committee.



**Foreman:**  
Sees judicial  
robe more  
becoming than  
travel gear.

Russ' secret is out. Ho, ho, ho.

**Eyes ref's role**

Lake County Republican Chairman **Tom Adams** only smiled over a suggestion that a useful holiday gift will be a striped shirt so he can referee impending collisions like the **Bob Depke vs. Larry Leafblad** for a GOP nomination to the Lake County Board. Adams couldn't be baited into making a prediction on that battle. "They are both good Republicans," he said.

**Let them eat cake**

Cake replaced cookies twice as the snack of choice at Fox Lake Village Board meetings. Cake was served when former Trustee **Floyd Edwards** had his last meeting and when replacement **Therese "Terri" Zawada** had her first meeting. Edwards was also active in Fox Lake-Round Lake Area Rotary Club.

**Support varies**

In a poll on support for a county-wide road tax, support ran as high as 85 percent in Antioch Township. Low point was 45 percent in Waukegan. Overall, 60 percent responded favorably to the question of increasing sales tax to a half cent from a quarter cent for county road improvements. County Board Rep. **Angelo Kyle** (D-Waukegan) was outspoken that the tax won't do much for his community. Former Libertyville Mayor **JoAnn Eckman** has signed on as chairman of a citizens group to push the tax plan.

**Simon knew Lake**

Political observers were quick to point out that the late U.S. Senator **Paul Simon**

always included Lake County on his rounds at campaign time while most present-day Democrats running state-wide can't find their way north of Lake-Cook Road.

**Sitting pretty**

A Libertyville firm, Custom Vehicle Systems, Inc., is gaining a national reputation for custom made, fiberglass bench seats for the rear of police cars that provide security, safety and hygiene needs. Libertyville police department required the special seats for six new interceptors.

**Coming home**

**Fred Foreman** confirmed a Party Lines heads up several weeks ago that he will seek a judgeship when he was part of a Republican candidates group presented to the public at a press conference. After serving as the chief federal prosecutor for two years in Chicago and traveling extensively for a Chicago law firm for more than 10 years, Foreman is looking forward to staying close to his Gurnee home for a change. He will compete in the Lake-McHenry County Circuit.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Insuring ethical behavior in elected officials

**I**llinois residents deserve to know that the elected officials who represent them are conducting themselves ethically. Legislators and the governor did the right thing by passing two comprehensive bills that make meaningful changes to the way elected officials, lobbyists and advisors do business.

While most lawmakers and state employees hold themselves to high standards, previous abuses left Illinoisans questioning the lack of oversight of state officials. Establishing inspectors general and creating ethics commissions to review allegations of misconduct are strong measures that correct this oversight. Strengthening whistleblower protections will encourage witnesses of wrongdoing to come forward.

House Bill 3412 requires state officers and employees, to complete an ethics training program. All units of local government must adopt similar ethics legislation that is at least as strict as the new state laws. These provisions insure that lawmakers and employees throughout Illinois fully understand the more rigorous standards and the state's commitment to upholding them.

Legislators and the governor did a good job of creating effective legislation with bipartisan support to address ethical issues for elected officials and state employees, and I'm proud to have sponsored this bill. Illinoisans should be reassured that two strong bills have been passed.

**Kathy Ryg**  
State Representative, 59th District  
Vernon Hills

**Need signatures**

Illinois Citizens for Tax Relief is forming a grass roots organization to get a referendum on the November, 2004, ballot to

address this issue. That referendum will ask the voters whether, "Real Estate Taxes will be reduced by 15 percent and whether the practice of re-evaluating the value of real estate by a triennial or quadrennial assessment should be eliminated and all future annual real estate assessments and tax increases shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI)." This is the index used by the government to award salary and social security increases. Furthermore, should the state mandate that all Illinois counties, townships, cities and villages use the government published CPI as the maximum percentage that future real estate tax bills can be increased."

We need volunteers from all over the State of Illinois to help get a petition signed by Illinois registered voters. We need approximately 750,000 signatures of registered voters, turned in to the State Board of Elections in Springfield and each represented county clerk's office before May 1, 2004.

If you can help in this cause, please send us (Illinois citizens for Tax Relief, 1244 S. State St., P.O. Box 182, Lemont, IL 60439); your name, address, phone number and e-mail address for further instructions. We will send you instructions and the petition forms we will be using.

**James R. Jandora**  
James Rooney, Co-chairman  
Lemont

**Impressive museum**

We are former residents of Mundelein who visited the Fort Hill Heritage Museum on Dec. 6. We were so impressed with all the displays and artifacts and would like to recommend it to all of your readers. It is beautifully managed by the Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country. The knowledge and

dedication of Dottie Watson, curator and president, is highly commendable. The museum is an educational and interesting attraction for Mundelein and should be supported by all residents of the area.

**Don and Carole Ann Kaiser**  
Woodstock

**Air disputed tape**

Lake County made the right decision to air the disputed tape of one of its meetings. When a public entity records (video or audio) one of their open meetings they should always present it gavel to gavel and unedited. It would be a dangerous precedent for our cherished democracy to allow government officials and administrators to manipulate public record for the at home viewer or listener.

The county board should review its policy. Whatever the board allows to take place at meetings should remain for the rest of the public to witness. Statements considered libelous made during public comment by members of the public or anytime during the meeting, even by elected officials or staff, should be handled in the judicial arena, if the aggrieved feels the need to do so.

**Bish Krywko**  
Round Lake

**Campaign abuse**

Bonnie Thomson Carter, our county board representative, has an opponent in the upcoming election, Jim Farrell. Bonnie's opponent officially announced he is running, but he's already crossed a line.

Recently Bonnie's opponent faxed a political memo to the Wauconda village hall. We know this because he "accidentally" faxed it to the assessor's office first. When an employee called and questioned him, he reluctantly admitted he meant for the letter to go to the village hall for Mayor Eschenbauch's wife to pick up!

What doesn't he understand about electioneering on taxpayer's money? This is illegal.

Obviously our mayor doesn't see a problem with running his chosen candidate's campaign through the village hall and using Wauconda's taxpayers' money to do it. It is apparent that Bonnie's opponent also believes it is OK to use taxpayer funded resources for his campaign. Well, we don't agree.

The question taxpayers of Wauconda have to ask themselves is, "Do village officials, their families, and their chosen candidates have the right to use equipment purchased with taxpayer dollars for their own personal political use?" We say "No way!"

You can bet the wrong fax number won't be used again. But will the Wauconda village hall's fax machine (and other taxpayer

funded materials) be subject to unethical use again? Possibly. It wouldn't surprise us - considering what we've already observed.

**Kathleen Reilly and Mary Bastien**  
Wauconda

**Opportunity for all**

I am delighted to see the progress of St. Martin dePorres High School in Waukegan. As a Holy Child High School alum, I am so proud to see that the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus are one of the five religious organizations supporting this new Catholic High School. This new co-educational, college preparatory school will bring a unique opportunity to some very special freshmen and sophomores. I would ask everyone to keep the board of trustees, faculty, students and volunteers in their thoughts as they prepare to open the doors of St. Martin de Porres in the fall of 2004. It is a wonderful opportunity for all.

**Janet Kilkelly**  
Holy Child Class of 1972  
Waukegan

**Valuable 'products'**

Thanks to Mike Stephens for his comment describing the Round Lake communities as a "cesspool" and not wanting children from our Round Lake communities in the Grayslake School System. Let me offer him a trade: give us the funds generated by the Mallard Creek Shopping Center (Wal-Mart, Dominick's, and the others) and the income from the Jewel store on Rollins, Cub, Hobby Lobby, True Value, Pep Boy's, Radio Shack and the others and let us not forget the hundreds of thousand of dollars projected from the proposed Home Depot, all in Round Lake Beach, but paying Grayslake school taxes. We would gladly take the tax dollars from the Round Lake Beach homes in the Grayslake School District, the majority of which are valued and taxed near or above the average for Grayslake School District's homes, and we will gladly welcome the additional students.

If Stephens is a product of the Grayslake Schools, please give us the children. I can assure you the Round Lake School District will not educate people to be like him intolerant and so insensitive as to refer to fellow Americans they do not even know as human waste, simply because of their Zip Code. My taxes will go down and his up, the quality of the education in "our" schools will go up and Stephens will go down, if we get to educate "our" children and he gives back "our" significant school tax revenues. Grayslake Schools receives a disproportionate financial advantage from educating the small number of wonderful children from the Round Lake communities.

**Robert M. Traxler**  
Round Lake Beach

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## COMMENTARY

about 200. By the time that Christmas arrived there was close to 700.

They were on front lawn, balconies, roof tops, house fronts, and in windows. To me it was like a Christmas miracle. The spirit of the village, which superseded the commercialism of the season, brought joy to my heart.

As the next Thanksgiving passed, the crosses started going up again, or were re-lit. More appeared, and then even more. I often wondered what people think as they drive through town. Does it cheer them? Inspire them? Do they just wonder what the heck we're doing? I think it must inspire some,

because what started as a protest against being pushed around, survived 15 years later as a beautiful Christmas tradition that has spread beyond our boundaries.

In the ensuing years I have spotted crosses in Arlington Heights, Barrington, Mundelein, and as far away as Chicago and Rockford. I can't speak for anyone else, but this has deeply affected my life. How could something like this change a grinch into someone who now eagerly anticipates the season? Perhaps it is just the knowledge that the real meaning of Christmas is alive and well, at least in Wauconda, the village of Christmas Crosses.

## Carmel students up for challenge; exam date nears

Three seniors have been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. Jennifer Guido of Mundelein, Joseph Monterastelli of Highland Park and Jamie Steiner of Wildwood are among 350 outstanding students from around the country selected to attend the Conference. These students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit will interact with key leaders, political appointees and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the international community.

Highlights of the program include participating in a number of leadership skill-building activities, and meeting with state senators and representatives. Michael Lasday, Executive Director of the organization says, "The National Young Leaders Conference positions each of these students as colleagues in whose hands the future of our country rests."

### Entrance exam, scholarships

On Jan. 10, 2004, at 8:15 a.m., Carmel will

administer an entrance exam for eighth graders who wish to attend the school in the fall of 2004. The fee for the exam is \$25 collected on test day.

Two classes of exam scholarships are available. A \$1,000 freshmen scholarship will be awarded to each student who scores in the 99th percentile, and a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to each student who scores in the 98th percentile. In order to qualify, the test must be taken at Carmel on Jan. 10 and registration completed by or on March 11, 2004. Call the school at 847-327-6320 for more information.

### Illinois state scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announced the 2004 Illinois State Scholars. Of this year's scholars, 64 are students at Carmel High School, representing 21 percent of this year's senior class.

About 10 percent of Illinois' high school seniors are designated state scholars.

Local state scholars and their hometowns are as follows:

Antioch—Anne McKinney, Michael Serio; Fox Lake—Mary Kate Kelleher; Grayslake—Gabriel Bitto, Joseph Bravine, Lauren Burch, Elizabeth Chan, Bridget Halvey, Patrick Kimener, Kathryn Polak; Gurnee—Allison Castillo, Jessica Hart, Sally Lepper, Mallory McSweeney, Adam Romaguera, Gerard Sapienza, Mark Venegoni, Bryan Wynn; Ingleside—Meghan Duffy.

Lake Villa—Brian Psak, Kristen Ruhl; Libertyville—Timothy Cohan, Mary Hamilton, Kelly Kolb, James Levasseur, Mary Petrosko, Christina Sullivan, Grant Uhler, Anne VandenBoom, Christine Zwolski; Lindenhurst—Claire Earll, David Milender, Mundelein—Sean Dolan, Andrew Gebhart, Ross Haseman, Matthew Heid, Serena Larkin, Christian Moree, Natalia Rodriguez, Rebecca Smith.

Round Lake—Anne Goshgarian; Vernon Hills—Cassandra Amores, Rachel Leman, Nicholas Schretter; Wadsworth—Janna Stickler; Wauconda—Claire Konicek, Jessica Liptak; Waukegan—Collin O'Rourke, Christine Scherman.

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munity intervention."

This summer, Colorado had conditions similar to those Illinois had in 2002. Colorado led the nation in reported West Nile infections with 2,477, a nearly 400 percent jump from Illinois' 2002 record total.

In fact, Nebraska (1,760 cases) and South Dakota (1,013 cases) also significantly exceeded Illinois' 2002 total. Despite the lack of Illinois cases in 2003, Balis warns that communities must not become complacent.

"West Nile is already endemic to Illinois, so it will be here for many years to come," Balis said. "The key to preventing an epidemic will be people continuing to reduce exposure and reduce mosquito populations."

Adam agreed with Balis' assessment.

"Just because we had a low year, people shouldn't let their guards down," Adam said. "We'll continue to stress the same recommendations next year."

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## COUNTY BRIEFS

### Chief on health board

The Lake County Board has appointed Mundelein resident Timothy E. Sashko, Chief of the Buffalo Grove Fire Department, to the Lake County Board of Health. The Board of Health oversees the programs and services of the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center.

Serving a three-year term, Chief Sashko is a 24-year veteran of the Buffalo Grove Fire Department.

All members of the 12-member Board of Health volunteer their time. They are responsible for overseeing programs and developing policies for the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center to promote physical and emotional health, prevent disease, injury and disability, and protect the environment.

### In-service nutrition training

The University of Illinois Extension is offering an in-service training series on current nutrition topics for dietitians, home economists, and healthcare providers beginning in January 2004. The sessions will be conducted via a telephone conferencing system at its office at 100 S. Highway 45 in Grayslake.

The five sessions, taught by University of Illinois faculty, will present the latest research-based information on a variety of topics. The first session on Jan. 15 will help professionals plan and implement collaborative community wellness programs for health promotion and obesity prevention. The latest recommendations for infant nutrition will be discussed during the second session on Feb. 19. Foodborne pathogens will be the topic of the third session

on March 18. The case for locally grown foods will be offered April 15 and helping consumers cope with trans fatty acids will be the subject of the final session on May 20. All sessions are conducted on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. To register or to obtain additional information contact the Extension office in Lake County at 847-223-8627 or visit the web site at [www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/lake](http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/lake).

### AARP tax-aide volunteers

Every year, starting the first week of February and continuing until April 15 AARP's Tax-Aide volunteers help Lake County's seniors to cope with the confusion and trauma associated with the filing of tax returns. Last year nearly 3,000 filers sought and received free tax counseling and tax preparation at 20 sites all across Lake County. At certain sites AARP's free service includes electronic filing of tax returns.

Volunteer tax counselors are given comprehensive training in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service to prepare them for this important and rewarding work. If you would like to become a tax-aide volunteer, or would just like to learn more about the program, contact Jim Ackerman, district coordinator, Lake County tax-aide at 847-680-9358.

### Teacher's Retirement System

The Lake County Regional office of education, in cooperation with the Teacher's Retirement System, is scheduling telephone conferences in this area on Tuesday, Jan. 27. Members of the Retirement System who have questions about their benefits may request a telephone conference with a TRS counselor on that day. If you would like to speak with a TRS benefits counselor, call the Lake County Regional Office of Education at 847-543-7833. Conferences will be scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 27,

between 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in 15-minute time periods. Call TRS at 1-800-877-7896 for details.

### CASA presents awards

Four volunteers from Lake and Cook Counties received the three highest awards presented by the Lake County Court Appointed Special Advocates for their work in helping defenseless abused and neglected children.

Liz Allen of Lake Forest received the Rose Bonomo Rookie of the Year Award at an awards dinner held with nearly 200 people in the Harrison House, Lake Bluff. Also receiving awards during the evening were Debbi Danti and Cindy Bleil, Highland Park as the outstanding volunteer team. The Lorraine Adams Smith volunteer of the year award was presented to Patti Morrell.

### LaCASA needs volunteers

Volunteers for the Lake County Council Against Sexual Assault represent the best in human nature—heroism, compassion and dedication to advocating for the rights of others. If these terms describe you, and you're looking to make a difference in the world, then you should consider training to become a volunteer advocate in LaCASA's fight against sexual assault.

"Our training is designed for people who have never been involved in sexual assault services, but who want to make a difference by being a caring, dedicated advocate for rape and 'incest survivors,'" explained Deirdre Simpson-Rhoads, LaCASA's coordinator of volunteer services. "Women of color and bilingual women are especially needed as volunteers." If you are interested in a rewarding volunteer experience, call Deirdre Simpson-Rhoads at 847-244-1187, Ext. 20.

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## Former mayor joins hospital board



Carey

Pat Carey, the former mayor of Grayslake from 1993 to 2001, is one of four new members of the Lake Forest Hospital's Board of Directors. Also beginning their new terms are Lake Forest residents Todd Altounian, Ronald Irvine and Forrest Whitaker.

Carey, who still resides in Grayslake, is the senior vice president and chief information officer for World Travel BTI, a travel agency based in Atlanta.

Lake Forest Hospital will open an Outpatient & Acute Care Center in Grayslake in April 2004.

Altounian is vice president of Altounian Builders, a Lake Bluff-based residential and commercial real estate development firm. In addition, the Altounian family's involvement also has included service on the hospital's Women's Auxiliary Board.

Irvine is the founder of Bannockburn-based Irvine Consulting, Inc. The firm specializes in marketing research and management consulting for pharmaceutical, medical and biotechnology companies in the area of new product development.

Whitaker is president and chief operating officer of Teleflex Medical, a \$600 million diversified medical device and medical services enterprise.



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## Nicasa honors volunteers

Nicasa, a Lake County-based human service agency, honored its top volunteers at its annual appreciation dinner. Members of the Lake County Employment Task Force won the Community Leadership Award for helping the agency's Women's Services program create stable employment opportunities for individuals recovering from substance abuse.

Task force members who were on hand to receive their awards included Oscar Adler; Evelyn Alexander, administrative assistant to State Sen. Terry Link; Dr. Daisy Brooks; Shields Township Supervisor Charles Fitzgerald; Debbie Hoem of the Court Services Adult Division; Aumetris Johnson of the Lake County Health Department; David Northern of the Lake County Housing Authority; Cindy Parker of Job Center of Lake County; Eileen Sepot of Abbott Laboratories; Angela Tomlinson of BVM Olenti, Inc.; Carol Weber of Manpower and Harry Welton of Lake County Residential Development Corporation.

A separate Community Leadership Award was presented to Paula Rohrs for her leadership roles in the Round Lake Area's BEST coalition. She was praised for "her dedication and leadership in facilitating community mobilization to ensure a safer and healthier community."

Retired Lake County Coroner Barbara Richardson received a standing ovation when she was presented the President's Award.

Richardson was praised for "devoting her life to educating the public, especially our young people, about the dangers of substance abuse and its devastating effects on individuals, families and communities." She had been a member of Nicasa's board for 20 years.

Maria Elena Jonas was named Volunteer of the Year in recognition of her outstanding work with Nicasa's after-school programming at Daniel Webster Middle School in Waukegan. She was praised for her lifelong commitment to the families of Lake County through her work with Child Service and for serving as chair of the agency's TeenREACH program. Baxter Security won the Corporate Award for providing security to Nicasa's Round Lake headquarters facility, which is located on seven acres of land donated by Baxter International in the early 1990s. "Baxter has diligently provided protection and a tremendous sense of security to the staff," said Sarah Catterson, first vice president of Nicasa's board, in presenting the award.

### Others receiving awards:

- Jim Snow, Board of Director's Award, in recognition of his leadership of the agency's charity golf open and support of after-school programs for Waukegan middle school students.
- Charles Fitzgerald, Shields Township Supervisor, a Partner's Award, for overseeing implementation of a federal grant that will enable the agency's Women's Services to include evening and weekend services for working women.
- Matthew Barch, a Partner's Award, for providing interpreter services two nights a week for a deaf substance abuse treatment client, at the agency's Round Lake facility. He also interpreted an additional night each week for five months at an area AA meeting.
- Cardinal Health Care, a Partner's Award, for providing a United Way Days of Caring team at the Women's Services facility in North Chicago. The volunteers painted five offices and both bathrooms.
- Genesis Casillas, a Partner's Award, for directing the Round Lake School District's very successful truancy intervention program.
- Rhonda Haymaker of the Lake County Family YMCA, a Partner's Award, for her willingness to accommodate youth that have been referred by Nicasa's Teen Court for community service.
- Dr. David Kosson of Finch University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School, a Partner's Award, for researching and evaluating Nicasa's Aggression Control Training (ACT) program.
- James Sipes, a Partner's Award, for being the liaison for the agency's workplace parenting program at Abbott Laboratories. He helped Nicasa launch multiple new Parent Project programs in new Abbott locations.
- Waukegan Police Chief William Biang, a Public Safety Award, in recognition of his involvement in all phases of investigations, including gang and narcotics investigations, adult criminal investigations and juvenile investigations.
- Waukegan Police Department Officer Angelo Calendo, a Public Safety Award, for his longtime involvement in numerous youth drug prevention programs. He is a former Waukegan "Officer of the Year."
- Gurnee Police Department Detective Jack Metcalf, a Public Safety Award, for his success as the school resource officer for Warren Township High School.
- Dr. Richard Keller, Community Health Award, for his success in running the Health Reach Clinic in Waukegan. Health Reach is the only free clinic in Lake County. Clients of the agency's Women's Services program area able to see a doctor at the clinic and receive most medications almost immediately.
- Alexander Huang and John Larsen, Youth Service Awards, for exemplary service as volunteers with Nicasa's Teen Court program.

### 3 elected to Nicasa board

State Sen. Terry Link (D-Vernon Hills), First Midwest Bank president Thomas J. Schwartz and Lourdes Maria Wilson, a community volunteer, were elected to Nicasa's Board of Directors.

Their elections were announced by Lake County State's Attorney Michael J. Waller, president of Nicasa's board.

Link, who has been in leadership positions with numerous Lake County human service organizations, is a recipient of Nicasa's Humanitarian Award. He chairs the agency's LifeStar after-school program.

Schwartz, who is group president/commercial banking at First Midwest Bank, is a past campaign chairman for the United Way of Lake County and has served in leadership capacities with other not-for-profit organizations.

Wilson, an Ivanhoe resident, has been a volunteer leader for 12 years for several not-for-profit organizations, including the Lake County Haven Women's Auxiliary. Before Wilson and her family relocated to Lake County, she had played major fund-raising roles for the Allentown, Penn., symphony orchestra and the Hispanic American Organization of Allentown.

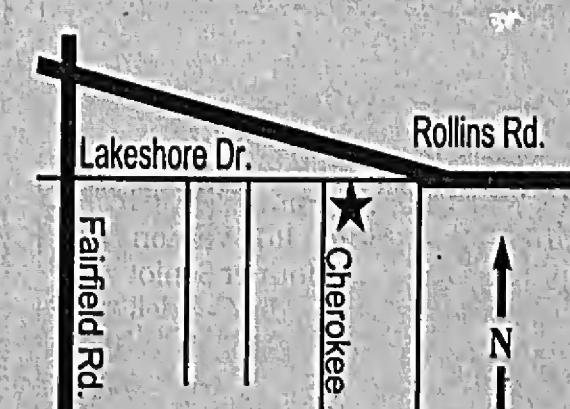
Casillas is the key referral source to Nicasa's Parenting Journey, a federally-funded program that includes classes for parents of truant youths.

- Alejandro Dares, a Partner's Award, for assisting with a culturally-adapted Latino lifeskills education program at East Middle School in Waukegan. She is a bilingual education teacher at the school.
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# OBITUARIES

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## Vincent F. Nauseda

Vincent F. Nauseda, 62, of Concord, Mass. formerly of Antioch, died Thursday Dec. 4, 2003 at his Concord home. He was the husband of 40 years of lone Nauseda.

Born in Chicago, on March 11, 1941 he was the son of Fran Nauseda of Antioch, and the late Vincent Peter Nauseda.

In addition to his wife and mother, survivors include two sons, Patrick Nauseda, Curtis Nauseda and his wife Fiona; a daughter Susanne (Nauseda) Marchese and her husband Michael; three brothers, a sister and her fiancé. He was also the father of the late Vincent William Nauseda.

Funeral was held Dec. 9 from the Joseph Dee & Son Funeral Home, Concord, Mass., followed by a funeral Mass in Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Austin H. Fleming, Pastor. Interment followed in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to Angel Flight, Partners Program, 3237 Donald Douglas Loop South, Santa Monica, CA 90405 or to Emerson Hospital, c/o Development Office, ORNAC, Concord, MA 01742

## William (Bill) Lee Sershon

Age 57 of Mill Creek, Wash., died peacefully in his sleep Dec. 5, 2003. Bill was born May 16, 1946 in Chicago. He gave a lot to those who were close to him and will be remembered by all who knew him as a gentle, kind and loving soul. Bill loved the outdoors, his dog Scottie, and his family. He was a lifelong learner and gifted amateur musician. He was actively involved with theatre and drama his whole life. In Antioch, he spent nearly 20 years with the Palette, Mask & Lyre Theatre (PM&L Theatre) as an actor, director and technician. During the past several years he volunteered at Jackson High School where he assisted the drama department with set building. After graduating from Antioch High School and Olivet College, he spent his early years as a high school teacher, then became a building engineer. At the time of his death he worked for Albany Molecular Research in Bothell, Wash.

Survivors include his mother, Kathleen Sershon; sister and brother-in-law Kathy and Rich Behrens; brother and sister-in-law John and Vicki Sershon; daughters Emily Sershon and Jan Simmons, son and daughter-in-law Ed and Susi Sershon; son, Ken Sershon, grandchildren, Heather Simmons, and Cody and Jesse Sershon; six nieces and nephews, 18 grand nieces and nephews and three great grand nieces and nephews. Bill is preceded in death by his father, John Allan Sershon.

Friends and family are invited to join in a celebration of his life on Friday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m., at the Center for Spiritual Living, 5801 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105.

A scholarship fund has been established in his name at Jackson High School, to be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is pursuing the technical side of theatre. Contributions may be sent to the Bill Sershon Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Jackson High School, Theatre Department, 1508 136th St. SE, Mill Creek, Washington 98012.

## Evelyn Louise Vera (Knopp) Buckner

Age 89, a former Fox Lake business owner and a long-time resident of Spring Grove, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003 at the Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. She was born on Feb. 20, 1914 in Lombard to Theodore and Emma (nee Zielski) Knopp. She was the former co-owner of LaGlenn Realty in Fox Lake, and had been a long-time employee with the Globe Dept. Store, acting as assistant manager at the time of her retirement, and had served as past president of the Fox Lake Lions Club. She enjoyed gardening, working crossword puzzles, and taking care of her great grandchildren.



Bill Sershon

Survivors include, her daughter, Janet Batchelor of Spring Grove; her grandsons, Kevin (Carolyn) Volkmar and Keith (Kelly) Volkmar, both of Spring Grove; three great grandchildren, Hunter, Blake and Samantha Volkmar; a sister-in-law, Ada Knopp of Lombard; nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, and sisters, and by her husband, LaGlenn "Buck" Buckner on Dec. 10, 1972.

Visitation was on Dec. 15 from 5-9 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake) Funeral Services were conducted at 11 a.m., Dec. 16 at the funeral home with the Rev. Nathan Anderson officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials for the Arthritis Foundation of Greater Chicagoland, 29 E. Madison St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60602 will be appreciated by the family.

## Grace Notriano (nee Bryant)

Age 77, a resident of Spring Grove, for the past 34 years, formerly of Chicago, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003 in Fox Lake, with her family at her side. She was born on July 15, 1926 in Larned, Kan. To Carrie Belle (nee Coons) and Clay Thurman Bryant. Mrs. Notriano was employed as a retail clerk at the Fox Lake Sears Dept. Store for 15 years before her retirement, and had enjoyed quilting, gardening, cooking and baking for her family, and most of all her independence.

Survivors include, her children, Jan Rose (Sam) Smith of Oklahoma City, Okla., Louis (Pam) Notriano Jr. of Fox Lake, Charles Thurman Notriano of Fox Lake, and Lisa Rose of Johnsburg; 14 grandchildren, Rhonda Driskill, Rachel Castaneda, Nick and Ronald Smith, Louis (Erin) Notriano III, Paul G. (JoAnn), Jennifer L. Charles and Vanessa Notriano, Jill and Cortney Lempkey, Ferando Dominguez, and Joseph and Autumn Rose; 12 great grandchildren, Alicia Chava, Jamie, Christina, Tony, Molly, Amber, Jake, Emily, Kaylee, Brittany and Joshua; her sister, Ruth Owens of Louisville, Ky. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Harvey Bryant and Owen Bryant; her sisters, Julia Mae Ambrosia and Iva Lee Moore, and by her husband Louis Notriano Sr. in 1996.

Visitation was on Dec. 14 from 2-6 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake) Funeral Services were conducted at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Roger Dewar officiating. Burial followed at the Windridge Cemetery in Cary.

## Eileen E. Evenhouse (nee Barnes)

Age 83, a 43 years resident of Fox Lake, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003 in Crystal Lake. She was born on Feb. 21, 1920 in Kinnmund to Thomas and Gail (nee Woods) Barnes. She was employed at the Fox Lake Library as a desk clerk for 15 years, and will be remembered for the excellent service and the kind attention she gave to all library patrons. Gardening, handwork, sewing, knitting, cross-stitching, reading and spending time with her family were her favorite hobbies.

Survivors include, her daughter, Patricia (Michael) Buccelli of Johnsburg; her grandson, Thomas (Cheryl) Buccelli of Cary; her great grandchildren, Robert, Garrett, Joseph and Lauren Buccelli all of Cary; her nephews and nieces, Tim Schmoll of Richardson, Tex., Paul Evenhouse and Julie Estabrook, both of Buffalo, NY. She is preceded in death by her parents, her stepmother, Margaret "Peggy" Barnes, a sister, Louise Schmoll and by her husband, Robert H. Evenhouse on Jan. 26, 1981.

Visitation was held on Dec. 12 from 4-8 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake) Funeral Services were conducted at 11 a.m., Dec. 13 at the funeral home. Interment was private. Memorials for the Fox Lake Library Fund, 255 E. Grand Ave., Fox Lake, IL 60020 will be appreciated by the family.

## Florence E. Hardy

Age 83 of Antioch, passed away Saturday, Dec.

13, 2003 at her home. She was born Dec. 3, 1920 in Chicago, the daughter of the late Leonard and Edith (Cummings) Woltz, moving to Antioch in 1973. Florence was a member of the AARP, loved to play cards, do crossword puzzles and watch TV. Before her retirement she had worked for the North Lake Engineering in Antioch. On Dec. 23, 1953, she married John Hardy in Chicago and he preceded her in death on July 22, 1989.

Survivors include three children, Odrillia Jarosz DeFilip of Downers Grove, Woodrow Edge of Round Lake and Vivian (Louis) Vivado of Antioch; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by a brother, Leonard Woltz.

Funeral Service was held at 7 p.m., Dec. 16 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Visitation was from 4 p.m., Dec. 16 until the time of services.

## Peggy Jean Idlas

Age 71, passed away Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003 at Midwestern Regional Medical Center in Zion, after a short battle with cancer. She was born in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. to the late Ervin and Mary (nee Graham) Kossow. She was employed by Kemper Insurance in Long Grove and later worked for Zurich American Insurance in Schaumburg.

Peggy is survived by her sons, Paul (Kathryn) Idlas of Grayslake and Scott (Margaret) Idlas of Appleton, Wis., and her grandchildren.

Friends of the family may join them for a memorial visitation on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 2-4 p.m. at the Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., 410 E. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choosing.

## Francis J. 'Chick' Renahan

Age 82, passed away quietly on Saturday morning, Dec. 13, 2003 at WInchester House in Libertyville. "Chick" was born to the late Floyd and Flora (nee Wilson) Renahan in Round Lake.

He is survived by his daughter Debra (nee Renahan) (Anthony) Titus of Mundelein; his son Fred McDowell of Ingleside; and his granddaughter, Heather Titus. "Chick" is preceded in death by his loving wife, Virginia Helen Renahan; his brothers and his parents.

Friends of the family may join them for the visitation on Friday, Dec. 19, from 4-8 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., located at 410 E. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake. A memorial service will be held immediately following the visitation at 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Interment will be held privately.

## Mary V. Norris

Age 97 of Waukegan, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2003 at her home. Mary and her late husband were the former owners of Glen Flora Pharmacy and Norris Drugs in Waukegan.

Surviving are her sister Gertrude Rentsrow of Strasburg and brothers, Joe (Stella) Zander of Shelbyville and Henry and Alois Zander, both of St. Elmo. She is preceded in death by her husband, Emmet Norris on April 23, 1980.

A graveside service was held at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 16 at the Watson Cemetery in Watson. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

## Thomas D. Beeman

Age 67 of Grayslake, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003 at his home.

Surviving are his wife Joan (nee Manelli) Beeman; two daughters, Deanne (Scott) Beeman of Buffalo Grove and Cindy (Rene) Laureano of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three grandchildren; his brother; his sister and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Jean Beeman.

Prayers began at 10:15 a.m., Dec. 18 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Mary of the Annunciation Church for a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment was in the church cemetery. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

## Walter M. Radon

Age 86 of Bristol, Wis. passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003 at the Aurora Medical Center in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. He was born the son of the late John and Katherine (Feder) Radon. He owned and operated the Radon Trucking Co. of Bristol, Wis. and he and his first wife, Jean had operated the Grizzly Tavern in Bristol, Wis. for many years. On Jan. 10, 1987 he married Zofia Rozek in Kenosha, Wis.

Survivors include his wife Zofia; one son, Jan Radon of Bristol, Wis.; two stepdaughters, Margaret (Chris) Szeleplinski of Spring Grove and Barbara (Jerry) Nowak of Bristol, Wis.; his son-in-law, Walter Cwan of Algonquin; one sister and four grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Jean; a daughter, Barbara Cwan; a sister and a brother.

Funeral service with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 15 at St. Scholastica Church in Bristol, Wis. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery in Justice at 12:30 p.m., Dec. 15. Visitation was on Dec. 14 from 3-7 p.m. at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

## Muriel I. Cockrum

Age 66 of Round Lake, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Muriel was a homemaker and also worked as the housekeeping supervisor at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein.

Survivors include her three daughters, Lynn Butkus of Fox Lake, Cynthia (Carl) Schleser of Grayslake, and Denise (John) Francisco of Round Lake; a sister; and six grandchildren. She is preceded in death by a brother.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m., Dec. 13 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was in Millburn Cemetery in Millburn. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Dec. 12 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Frances M. Grimm

Age 85 of Lake Villa, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born the daughter of the late Tofil and Mary (Rudziewicz) Chmielewski. On Feb. 14, 1957 she married Austin Grimm and he preceded her in death on March 3, 1988.

Survivors include her children, Barbara (Fred) Ramos of Campbell, Ohio, Jeannie (the late Elmer) Zarnetz of Austintown, Ohio, Norma (Alan) Granger of Poland, Ohio and Jeff (Michele) Grimm of Lake Villa; 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. In addition to her husband she is preceded in death by a daughter Deborah Bauman and four brothers and three sisters.

Funeral Service with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 12 at St. Peter Church in Antioch. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was from 9:30-11 a.m., Dec. 12 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

## Elizabeth Ann Quinn

Age 71 of Libertyville, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was the Executive Secretary to Sen. George D. Aiken of Vermont and retired as the District Representative for Congressman Glen Anderson of Long Beach, Calif.

Surviving are her daughter Suzan (Gregory) Mayworm of Libertyville; grandchildren; her brothers; a very dear friend, Walter Cook of Lake Elmore, VT; and many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Anna Lamb; by a brother and three nephews.

Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m., Dec. 13 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment was in Johnson, VT. Memorial contributions can be made to the Journey House in Pasadena, Calif. in her memory.

## Nancy M. Maver

Age 85 of Pasadena, Calif. passed away Monday, Dec. 8, 2003 at her home. She was a former bookkeeper at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Surviving are her daughters, Bonnie (Jerry) Haata of Atlantic, Iowa and Mary (Alan) Cope of Hampton, Australia; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren and her brother. She is preceded in death by her husband John W. Maver on Oct. 19, 2002 and by three brothers and one sister.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m., Dec. 15 at the Lake Forest Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

## John K. Regan

Age 70 of Wauconda passed away suddenly Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. He was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was awarded the Purple Heart while serving during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Regan; four children, John and Ruth Regan, both of Wauconda, Herbert (Jeannine) Regan of Mundelein and Charlotte Regan of Gurnee; and two grandchildren.

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 15 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home of Libertyville. Interment with military honors followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home from 3-7 p.m. on Dec. 14.

## Jack A. Venn

Age 80 of Mundelein died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Jack was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII; he was retired from AT&T.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (nee McCardige); his children, Susan (Paul Whittington) Venn, Dr. Jonathan (Dr. Carleen Stoskopf) Venn, Kathleen (John) Venn-Boers; his sister and his grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m., Dec. 17, at Santa Maria del Popolo Chapel in Mundelein. Interment followed in All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Visitation was private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, 116 N. Lake St., Mundelein, IL 60060 would be appreciated. Arrangements were handled by the Kristan Funeral Home PC in Mundelein.

## John A. Zak

Age 69 of Wadsworth passed away Dec. 13, 2003 at Rolling Hills Manor. He was the owner of the Dalry Queen in Waukegan for 32 years.

Survived by his wife, Elaine V. of 48 years; two sons, David Zak and Dale (Theresa) Zak; three grandchildren; one sister; and many special relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Marie Zak and stepfather Harold E. Adams.

Services were held Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wadsworth. Burial took place at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Dec. 17, at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Memorials to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arrangements were handled by the Marsh Funeral Home of Gurnee.

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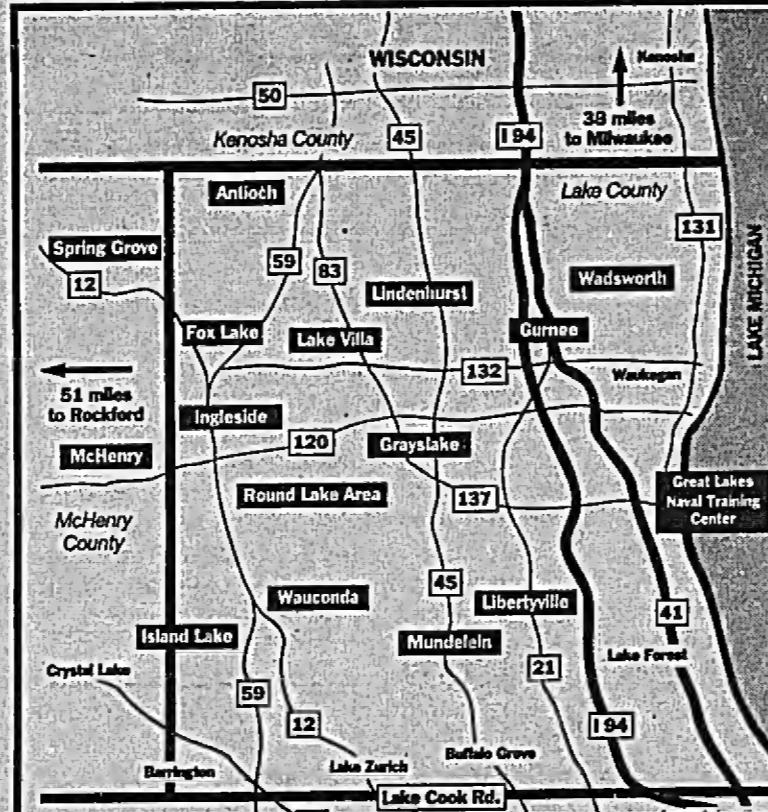
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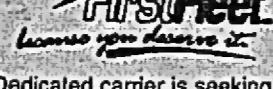
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

## ASSUMED BUSINESS

## NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:  
The Computer Coach  
NATURE/PURPOSE:  
Computer Consulting  
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-  
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:  
503 Linden Ln., Libertyville,  
ILL. 60048, (847) 918-9262.

NAME(S) AND POST  
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE  
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE  
PERSON(S) OWNING,  
CONDUCTING OR  
TRANSACTION BUSINESS  
Neil Redshaw, Tara Red-  
shaw, 503 Linden Lane, Lib-  
ertyville, ILL. 60048.  
(847)918-9352.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF LAKE

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full name(s) of the person(s)  
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rect as shown.

/s/ Neil Redshaw  
/s/ Tara Redshaw  
December 6, 2003

The foregoing instrument  
was acknowledged before me  
by the person(s) intending to  
conduct the business this 6th  
day of December 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ Ursula Shubel  
Notary Public  
Received: Dec. 8, 2003  
Willard R. Helander  
Lake County Clerk  
1212B-6285-LB  
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## ASSUMED BUSINESS

## NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:  
FREE COMP.  
NATURE/PURPOSE:  
Wholesale of computers and  
parts

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-  
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:  
1105 Lockwood Dr., Buffalo  
Grove, ILL. 60089, (847)913-  
0419.

NAME(S) AND POST  
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE  
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE  
PERSON(S) OWNING,  
CONDUCTING OR  
TRANSACTION BUSINESS  
Senlin Jin, Tang Niu, 1105  
Lockwood Dr., Buffalo Grove,  
ILL. 60089, (847)913-0419.  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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/s/ Senlin Jin  
/s/ Tang Niu  
November 23, 2003

The foregoing instrument  
was acknowledged before me  
by the person(s) intending to  
conduct the business this  
24th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ Suja Sasi  
Notary Public  
Received: December 1, 2003

LEGAL  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Fox Lake, that a public hearing will be held on January 14, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Fox Lake, Illinois, to hear the Petition of Bruno & Rose Szczecz, owner of the following described real estate to-wit:

Lots 5, 6 and 7 (except that part thereof taken or used for street or highway purposes, and except the Northeasterly 10 feet of Lots 6 and 7) in Pistaee County Club Subdivision of Lot 15 in Nippersink Club Subdivision of part of the Southeast fractional quarter of fractional Section 4, Township 45 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian and of North 25 feet of the West fractional half of the Northeast fractional quarter of fractional Section 9, Township 45 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian according to the plat thereof recorded October 10, 1912 as document No. 143594 in Book T of plats, page 39, in Lake County, Illinois.

Location of property is: North Route 12 South of bridge on West side of street.

The common address is: 70 N. Route 12.

Petitioner is requesting the following: Rezone to B3

Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall in Fox Lake, Illinois.

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Stochl, Chairman  
Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals  
Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois  
This 5th day of October, 2003

1212C-6290-FL  
December 19, 2003

Willard R. Helander  
Lake County Clerk  
1212B-6287-GL  
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME application  
NAME OF BUSINESS:  
Silver Etc.  
NATURE/PURPOSE:  
Jewelry Sales  
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-  
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:  
331 Fairfax Lane, Grayslake,  
ILL. 60030, (847)414-8324.

NAME(S) AND POST  
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE  
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE  
PERSON(S) OWNING,  
CONDUCTING OR  
TRANSACTION BUSINESS  
Shannon Kramer, 331 Fairfax  
Lane, Grayslake, ILL. 60030,  
(847)414-8324.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF LAKE

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/s/ Shannon Kramer  
November 28, 2003

The foregoing instrument  
was acknowledged before me  
by the person(s) intending to  
conduct the business this 28th  
day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ Sara E. Latham  
Notary Public  
Received: December 2, 2003  
Willard R. Helander  
Lake County Clerk  
1212B-6288-GL  
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME application  
NAME OF BUSINESS:  
Pam Navarre & Associates  
NATURE/PURPOSE:  
To provide Marketing Design  
& Project Management  
Services

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-  
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:  
239 Parker Dr., Grayslake,  
ILL. 60030, (847)548-9159.

NAME(S) AND POST  
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE  
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE  
PERSON(S) OWNING,  
CONDUCTING OR  
TRANSACTION BUSINESS  
Pamella F. Navarre, 239  
Parker Dr., Grayslake, ILL.  
60030, (847)548-9159.

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COUNTY OF LAKE

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/s/ Pamella F. Navarre  
December 11, 2003

The foregoing instrument  
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day of December 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ James A. Jilly  
Notary Public  
Received: Dec. 8, 2003  
Willard R. Helander  
Lake County Clerk  
1219C-6294-RL  
December 19, 26, 2003  
January 2, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME application  
NAME OF BUSINESS:  
HVM Management  
NATURE/PURPOSE:  
Housing and Vending Ma-  
chine Services

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-  
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:  
1601 N. Halg Point Ln., Ver-  
non Hills, ILL. 60061.

NAME(S) AND POST  
OFFICE OR RESIDENCE  
ADDRESS(ES) OF THE  
PERSON(S) OWNING,  
CONDUCTING OR  
TRANSACTION BUSINESS  
Huang Li, Shixing He, 1601  
N. Halg Point Ln., Vernon  
Hills, ILL. 60061. (847)816-  
9746.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF LAKE

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/s/ Pamela F. Navarre  
December 11, 2003

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OFFICIAL SEAL  
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska  
Notary Public  
Received: Dec. 15, 2003  
Willard R. Helander  
Lake County Clerk  
1219C-6298-AN  
December 19, 26, 2003  
January 2, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:  
Medical Billing and Consulting  
Services

NATURE/PURPOSE:  
Medical claims filing and com-  
puter consultation

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE  
BUSINESS IS TO BE  
CONDUCTED OR TRANS-  
ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:  
28905 Sawmill Ln., Lake-  
moor, ILL. 60051. (815)578-  
4269.

NAME(S) AND POST  
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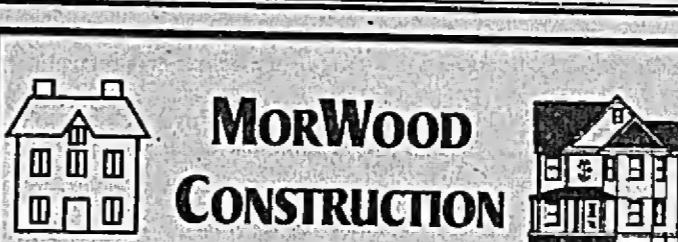
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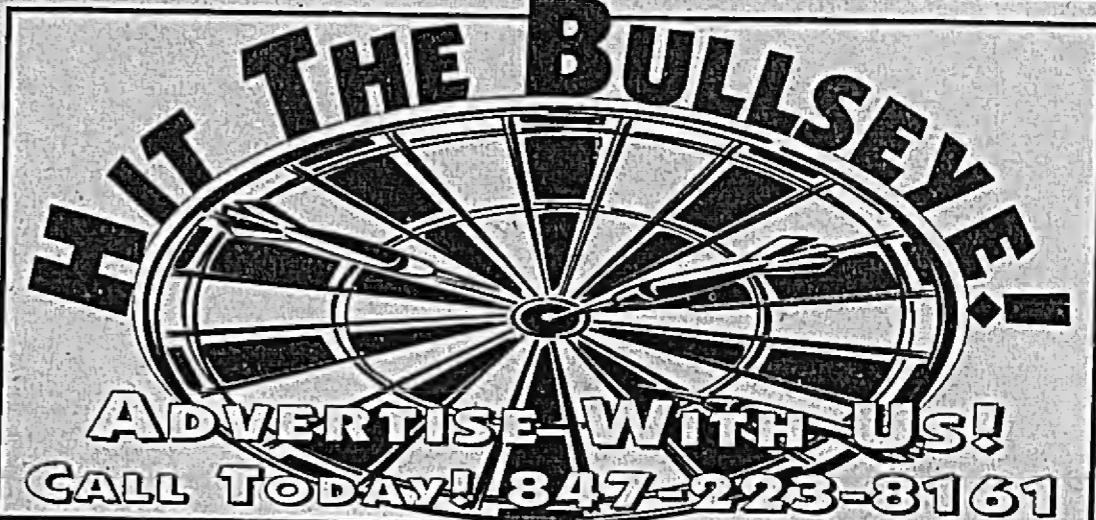
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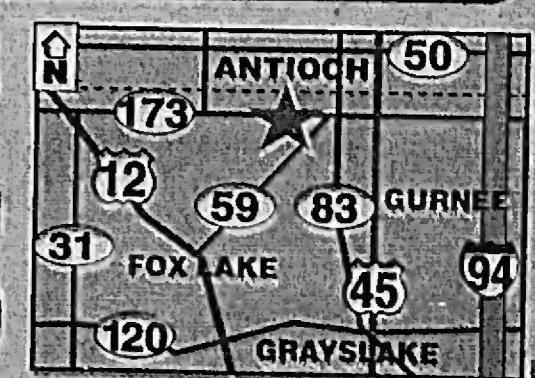
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### CPR: Save a Life

Learn infant, child and adult CPR through the American Heart Association's Pediatric and Heartsaver course. Participants receive first aid instruction for choking, as well as information about heart disease, causes and prevention of injury, and cardiopulmonary arrest in children. This is a one-day course. Date: Saturday, Jan. 10. Time: 9:00 to 1 p.m.

### Congregate Meals Program

Join others for low-cost, nutritional meals in the hospital cafeteria daily. A speaker or educational program of interest accompanies one meal each month. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, call 847-535-6176. Date: Thursday, Jan. 15. Time: 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

## VISTA HEALTH

### Vista Health's Senior Spirit sets luncheon schedule

Vista Health will again present its series of Senior Spirit luncheons in 2003. The low-cost events include a buffet lunch with beverage and an informational speaker. Cost is just \$2 for members of Senior Spirit and \$3 for non-members. Members must show their cards at the door. Reservations will be taken up to five days before each event. To make a reservation, call 1-800-843-2464. This month, the Senior Spirit luncheon is: December 16, Victory Memorial Hospital Same Day Surgery Conference Room, Waukegan. Topic will be "Handling Grief at the Holidays".

### Childbirth Preparation

This class meets on four consecutive Tuesday evenings. Expectant parents are instructed in the labor and delivery experiences as well as in-breathing and relaxation techniques.

## LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

### Crisis Counseling Available

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center offers walk-in and telephone crisis counseling and referrals for Lake County residents experiencing emotional stress. This is a service of the Crisis Care Program, 3002 Grand Ave., Waukegan. Counselors are available 24 hours a day. For assistance, call 847-377-8088. (A TDD, hearing impaired phone line is also available at 847-360-2905.)

## CONDELL MEDICAL CENTER

### Childbirth education classes

The childbirth education classes at Condell Medical Center, 801 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, will enhance and complement your doctor's advice. Taught by trained, certified instructors, these classes provide understanding, support and information that will take the expectant couple from pregnancy through the postpartum period, and help them to adjust to the changes that having a baby brings. Classes cover a variety of subjects including Pondering Pregnancy, Early Pregnancy, Childbirth Refresher, Infant Development, Grandparents Class, Basically Breast-feeding, Breast-feeding and Working and Caring for Baby. Call 847-990-5407, or in Spanish: 847-990-1289.

### Adult fitness classes

Centre Club hosts Adult Fitness Classes from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Prairie View Park Building, 16652 Port Clinton Rd., Vernon Township. This class is the former Senior Fitness class that was held at the Condell Acute Care Center in Buffalo Grove. A certified Centre Club instructor leads exercises to music from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. The cost is \$3 per class. The first class is free. Call Centre Club, 847-990-5742 or Vernon Township, 847-634-4600.

# HEALTHWATCH

December 19, 2003

Lakeland Newspapers / B11

## Toys can teach kids about giving to others

Hi Dr. Singer,

With the holiday season approaching, I wanted to tell you about something that my family does every year. I think this will be valuable information for your readers! We believe that the holidays are more about giving than getting. Each year, we have our kids round up the toys that are gathering dust or the toys they have outgrown, that are still in good condition, and have them help us get them in order to donate to charity so other kids who are less fortunate can have toys to play with. We have found that involving our kids in the process has been very rewarding. Our kids love this ritual as much as they love getting the new toys. We also do this with our clothing each year. We believe that kids should know how to have fun giving as well as getting and I hope that by sharing this with your readers, more people will do the same thing. D.K.

Dear D.K.,

What a wonderful thought and ritual! I think that many of us do get caught up in what we will get as opposed to what we will give. Especially kids! When you think about it, the actual real meaning of the holidays is about giving to others. We also all get caught up in what we will get for others in our family, as opposed to the many out there who don't have the ability to even get for their own family.

I think it would be wonderful if everyone who reads this column did this very thing with their kids. All of us have toys and games laying around the house that don't get used anymore but are in good condition. We also all have articles of clothing that we haven't worn in decades,



### PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

that are in great condition, that are (be honest) 5 sizes too small, but we still hang on to that notion that we will fit into them again, come "H.E. double sticks" or high water! Wouldn't that article of clothing or lonely toy be better used by someone who didn't have it, than by your closet or shelf?

There is another neat little thing that is available to do around this time of year. Our family tries to do this each and every year. Usually, the bigger department stores have Christmas trees with the names of kids, hanging in the tree. Each name represents a child that is in need. We usually go and get a few names each year and get them something they need. The note-card usually tells you what the age is and also what they need, so you know what to get for them. Kids usually love this, because they are learning how to feel important by giving. There is no feeling like it in the world. Also, Toys R Us and Babies R Us have cards for donating money gifts to be used toward the purchases of toys for kids that don't have any.

Along a similar line, those that know me, know that I love animals in a big way too and another thing we do at this time of year is make sure to take food, toys and donations to several animal shelters. A couple of them that I know of are Save a Pet in Round Lake and Orphan's of the Storm in Riverwoods. There are many more. Many of you have pets that you and your kids love. This is another way to help

your kids learn the meaning of the fun of giving.

Let's all take part this year in D.K.'s ritual. Make sure to help your kids feel special by giving to others. Instead of adults getting all the things together for giving in a quiet way, involve your kids so that they can learn from being involved with it. We all get so much more out of life by giving than by getting!

So, get out there and give!

Dr. Singer is a Psychologist who regularly works in person with readers of this column improving kid's attention, behavior, processing and learning skills fast. She has been an ADD Coach to many kids on meds and has also trained the skills of many other labeled kids who are not on medication to take them to attention, behavior and learning heights their parents never dreamed they were capable of. Dr. Singer is starting maternity leave in March and is taking only 5 more kids for the attention/behavior improvement program before the beginning of January. For an appointment call (708) 962-2549 or (847) 231-5644. Dr. Singer's office is located in Grayslake.

## Kidney procedure less invasive, quicker recover times

A Lake County urologist is performing a new technique to remove cancerous, inflamed or infected kidneys, and kidney tumors, at Vista Health in Waukegan. In this procedure, Dr. Harsh Kumar (independent, board-certified urologist) removes the affected kidney or kidney tumor, through a small incision with the help of a special camera, instruments and his hands. The procedure, known as "hand-assisted laparoscopic nephrectomy", can be completed in significantly less time than the standard laparoscopic procedure. This leading-edge procedure is being performed at select hospitals across the country. Close to home, Dr. Kumar has been performing hand-assisted laparoscopic nephrectomies at Vista Health's Victory Memorial Hospital (Waukegan) for nearly two years. By using this technique, the procedure is significantly less invasive and can be more precise than conventional kidney surgery, thus reducing the patient's length of hospital stay and improving recovery time.

"Compared with conventional surgery, the hand-assisted laparoscopic nephrectomy greatly reduces the size of the incision, the complexity of the operation, the patient's pain and recovery time. Essentially, I perform the surgical procedure through a much smaller abdominal incision—about 7-cm as compared with a normal 25 cm incision. With such a small incision, a patient's hospital stay can be shortened from four to five days to a total of one to two days," explains Dr. Kumar.

In addition, Dr. Kumar says typically a patient undergoing such a procedure through conventional surgery should expect to be out of work for six to eight weeks, with full recovery taking three to four months. But with the hand-assisted procedure, a patient can expect to be back up to speed within two weeks.

Minimally invasive surgery is a surgical approach whereby essentially the same operations are performed using specialized instruments designed to fit into the body through several tiny punctures instead of one large incision. Instead of looking directly at the part of the body being treated, the physician monitors the procedure via a special video camera called a laparoscope inserted through one of the small ports. This allows better visualization of the operative site for more precise work. By eliminating the large incision and extensive dissections, much of the pain of recovery also can be eliminated.

Dr. Kumar received specialized surgical training for hand-assisted laparoscopic nephrectomies at the Johnson and Johnson Medical Learning Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Kumar has offices in Gurnee and Libertyville. For more information on hand-assisted laparoscopic nephrectomies, contact Dr. Kumar's office at 847-623-4010.

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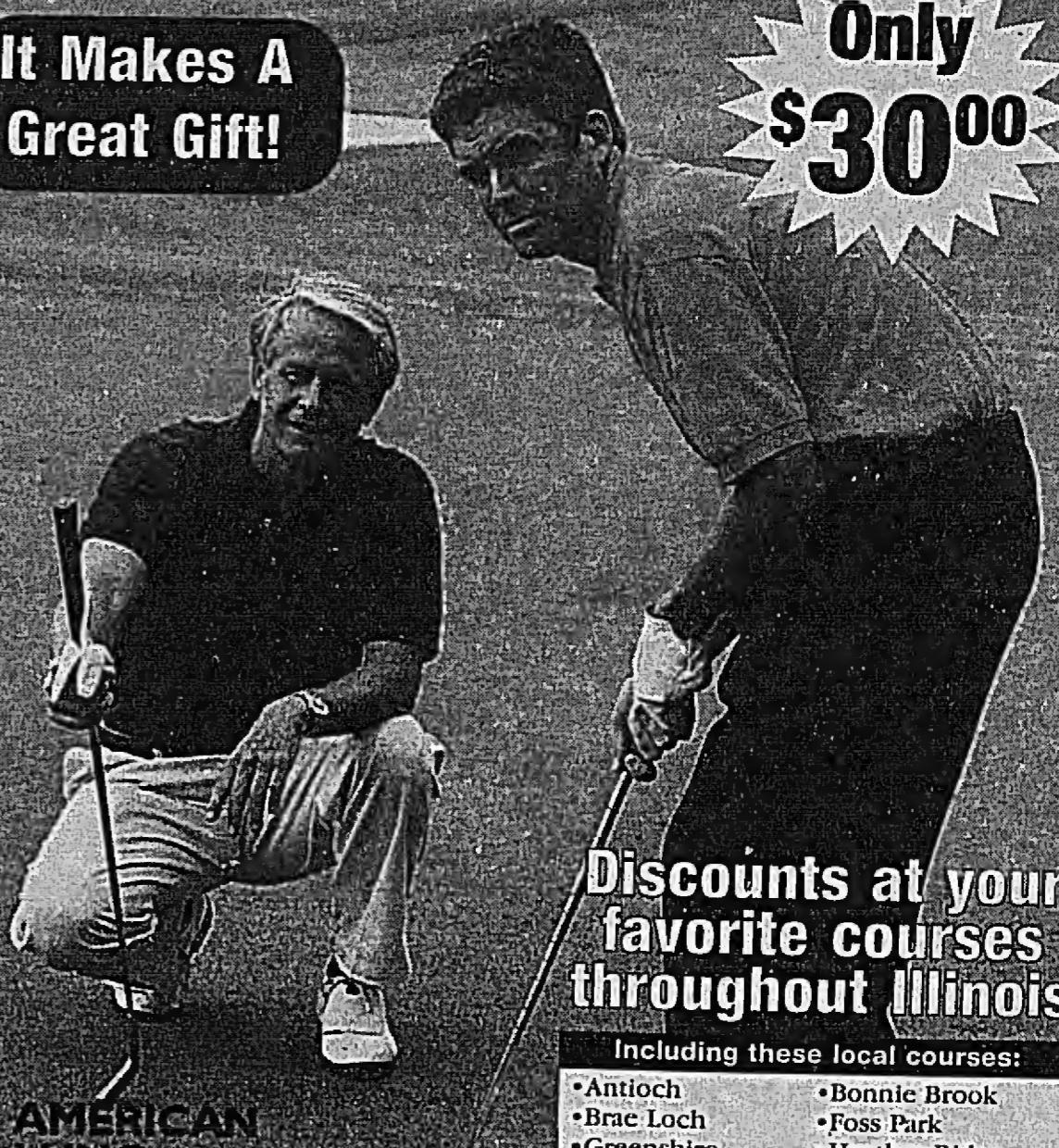
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# Lady Corsairs get big win over Benet

By STEVE PETERSON  
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Carmel High's girls basketball team will head into the Warren Christmas tournament with the confidence of knowing it can beat the Chicagoland's best.

Carmel improved to 2-0 in the ESCC with a stunning 43-31 win over Benet. The game was a case of Carmel's game plan working to perfection, putting the Red Wings in a position that they had not had to cope with in their 10 games—falling behind.

CHS junior guard Jenny Eckhart scored 16 points, including a heads up tip in on an offensive rebound off a free throw in the fourth quarter, and Caitlin Krombach added six as did Sarah Henderson.

Krombach and Eckhart did a yeoman's job against Benet's press in the closing minutes. Teresa Ogrinc was also a factor for Carmel, with eight points and senior Becky Smith added five.

Previously No. 1 ranked Benet's stars had just seven combined points. "You are going to win a lot of games if you are going to do that," said Carmel coach John Ryan.

Carmel, 8-2, led by just four points in the

second half, but doubled it by the end of the third quarter. A lay-up by Eckhart gave the home team a 34-26 lead. She then hit an outside jumper for another eight-point cushion.

Kaitlin McInerney, Amy Hunckler and Chandra Smith of Benet were a non-factor because of the CHS defense. Laura Langert tried to pick up the slack and scored 16.

"It was tough, but we worked against the press in practice. We go 5 on 6 and it worked really well. This is awesome. It is a huge lift for us. We have so much confidence now, but not too much. We know that we still have to work hard," Eckhart said. "I work a lot on both inside and outside. I feel good about shooting from both. We knew they were No. 1 thinking it was a huge game."

Krombach is playing full games now after recovering from her ACL injury.

"It's a super win for us. It was a great defensive effort by our whole team. We played Benet the last five years since I have been here and twice over the summer, so we are very familiar with them. We put together a defensive scheme that we thought would work. The kids executed and played great. We identified their three best players, Smith, Hunckler and McInerney (4 points) we decided to take those

three away from them. You can't take everything away from a good team, but we wanted to take those players away," Ryan said.

Carmel built up a 10-point lead, 39-29, entering the fourth quarter. Benet misfired on six straight possessions in the fourth.

"We talked about a key to the game was to jump on them early and let them know that they were in a game, rather than let them jump ahead. The kids did that. We came out with a lot of energy. That energy translated into an early lead for us. We wore them out a little bit," Ryan said.

Ryan complimented the play of Eckhart, a junior guard.

"Jenny has a complete game. She can shoot from outside, she can put the ball on the floor and attack and shoot off the dribble and she can go all the way to the basket. That is the sign of an excellent player. I label players as level I, level II and level III. A level I player can play all three and she can do it all," Ryan said.

"Krombach is such a good three-point shooter, if she hits threes, such a momentum, they are huge. She hit a shot in the fourth quarter when they were closing the gap," Ryan said.

Krombach explained the strategy on

defense.

"Becky (Smith) were matched off on Hunckler and Smith. We played a shadow, so we had no help responsibilities. It seemed to work. We knew that we had to take them away," Krombach said.

Carmel does not have a home game until 12:30 p.m. Jan. 3 against Queen of Peace. The Warren tournament, which features a game against also-ranked Grayslake, begins Dec. 22.

Grayslake and Carmel square off in that first session, at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 22. Carmel also plays Warren that day, at 7 p.m. Carmel battles Lake Forest at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 23 and Waukegan at 4 p.m. Dec. 26. The tourney concludes for the Corsairs at 4 p.m. Dec. 27 with a game against Waukegan.

It was a good early Christmas present for the Carmel faithful. The Class 6A state football champs sign is still fresh and many football players were on hand Saturday afternoon. They shouted "over-rated" to Benet in the closing seconds, and as the final song played on the loud speaker, it was a time to "Celebrate" at the Mundelein school.

# New faces look to lead Corsair grapplers

By WESLEY WARD  
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It is early in the season, but for the Carmel wrestling team, the 2003-04 season is full of hope fueled by an influx of talented freshman and sophomores.

The difference for the Corsairs this year will be depth, something that the team lacked during last season's 8-12 campaign.

"We suffered last year because of a lot of forfeits," said Carmel coach Joe Scordino. "We are much better and much deeper this year because of the dynamite freshman and sophomore teams we have had recently."

So far the underclassmen have helped Carmel to a 1-0 start to the season and a 4th placed finish at a Buffalo Grove tournament over the weekend.

In the Corsairs only dual match, a 41-40 victory over Wauconda, three underclassmen won by a fall to give Carmel the edge.

At 103 pounds, freshman D.J. Fairfield won decisively, and sophomores Joe Schnur (140 pounds) and John Hauser (145 pounds) also came up big for Carmel.

Sadly, Scordino may be missing Hauser for the remainder of the season with a broken arm. While the coach remains hopeful that the injury will not force Hauser out that long, he

wants to remain cautious.

"Hauser is going to be sorely missed," Scordino said. "He is a great wrestler. Fortunately we have a senior who should be able to fill the void."

While the youth movement has had a positive impact on the Corsairs in the early going, the old guard remains reliable.

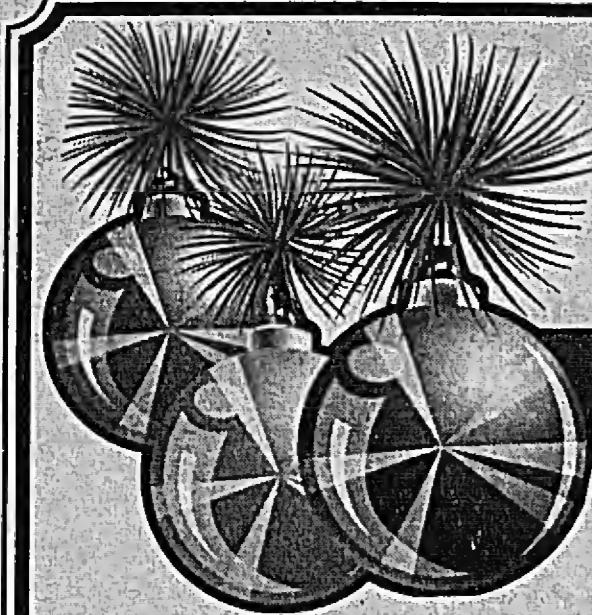
Two-time sectional qualifier Jaran Rutledge is coming off of a 34-win season at 215 pounds while fellow seniors Joe Samudovsky and Jack Waller both surpassed 20 victories last year.

A 29-year coaching veteran, Scordino is pleased with how this year's Corsairs compare

with teams past.

"This group of kids is very prepared having worked so hard during the spring," Scordino said. "I don't think I have coached a team with as positive work ethic as these guys. Everyone here wants them to be successful because of how hard they have worked."

As Scordino is quick to point out, the season has just started for the Corsairs and it is too early to predict where the chips may fall at season's end, but one thing he is sure of: "We need to be wrestling at our best at seasons end, and I know we are not there yet."



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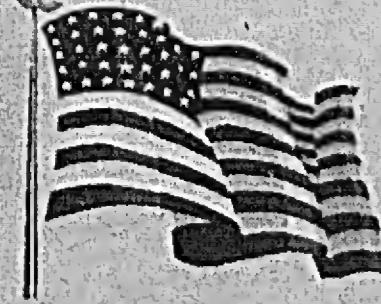
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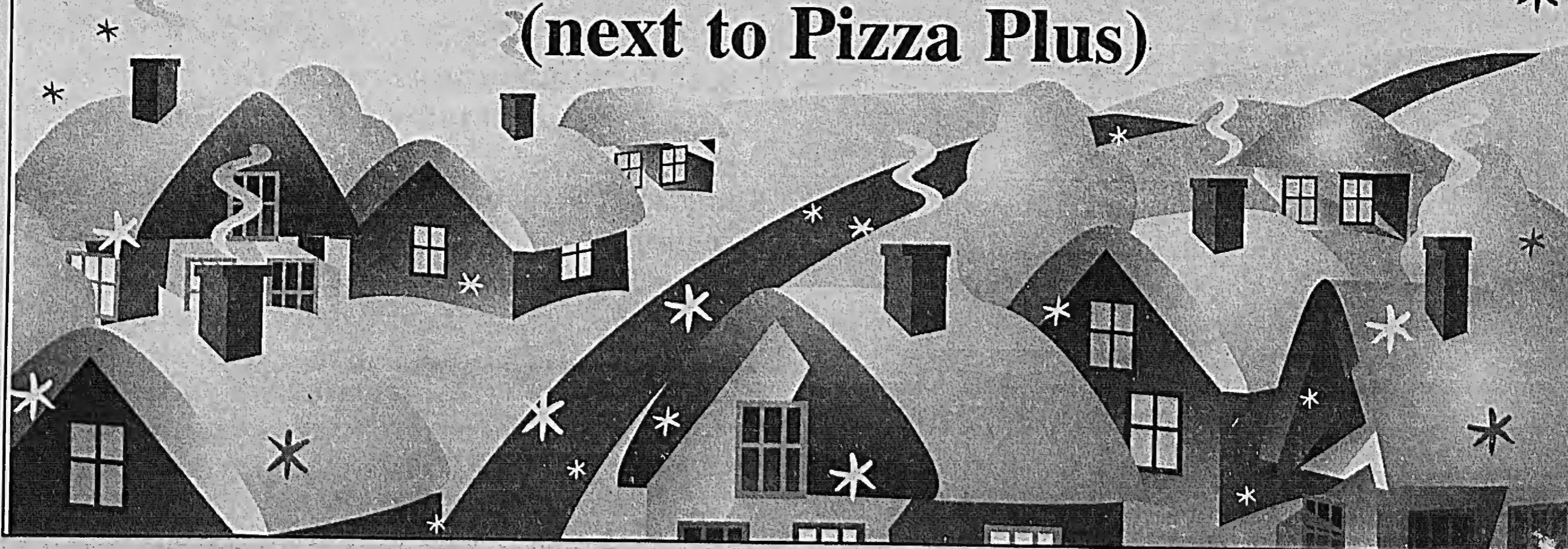
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# Lady Lancers making slow, steady improvement

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Throughout the first few weeks of the season, CLC's lack of height continued to plague the team, as it was constantly out-rebounded, giving up several 2nd-chance baskets every game.

With the return of 6-1 center Erica Brown from an injury, however, the Lady Lancers have gotten some much-needed height and toughness on the interior.

In her first game back from injury, Brown led CLC to an 88-54 win over Wright College. Brown had a game-high 19 points.

The Lancers brought an 11-point lead into halftime, and broke the game open with a 16-0 run to start the second half.

"Our fast break started working, and we were able to get the ball down the floor," CLC coach Bill Braman said. "After the (16-0) run, we were in complete control the rest of the game."

Kristen Poglajen had 16 points, Kristen Piasecki had 11 and Janeen Murphy and Amber Henley each chipped in with 10 points. "We hope this game was a sign of things to

come," Braman said.

CLC also played well the next night, but came up short in the end against a tough Olive-Harvey team, losing 74-62.

CLC had a chance to pull within four with 1:21 left, but a missed three-pointer and several Olive-Harvey free-throws down the stretch sealed the win.

Brown had 21 points and Henley added 14 for CLC (3-7).

"We played very well, just not well enough to win," Braman said. "The score really doesn't reflect how close the game was. It was one of those games that you lose, but you can see a lot of improvement."

Braman has a hard time pinpointing the reason for CLC's much-improved play of late.

"It's hard to put a finger on the reason for our improvement," Braman said. "We've just cut down on our mental and physical errors. Plus our turnovers have steadily dropped."

The Lancers will hope to continue their improved play in the Triton Tournament on Dec. 19-20.

"We have hit a plateau, and we want to continue up the mountain top," Braman said.

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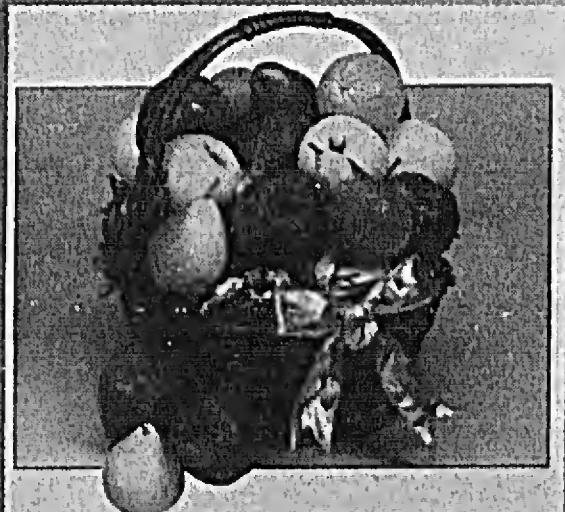
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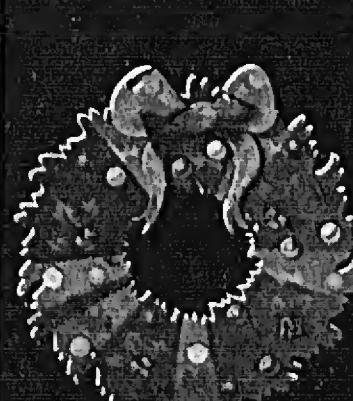
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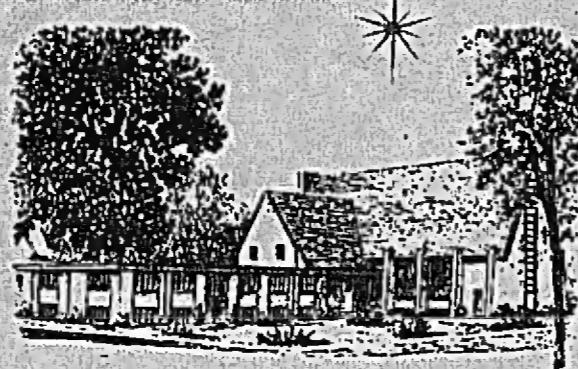
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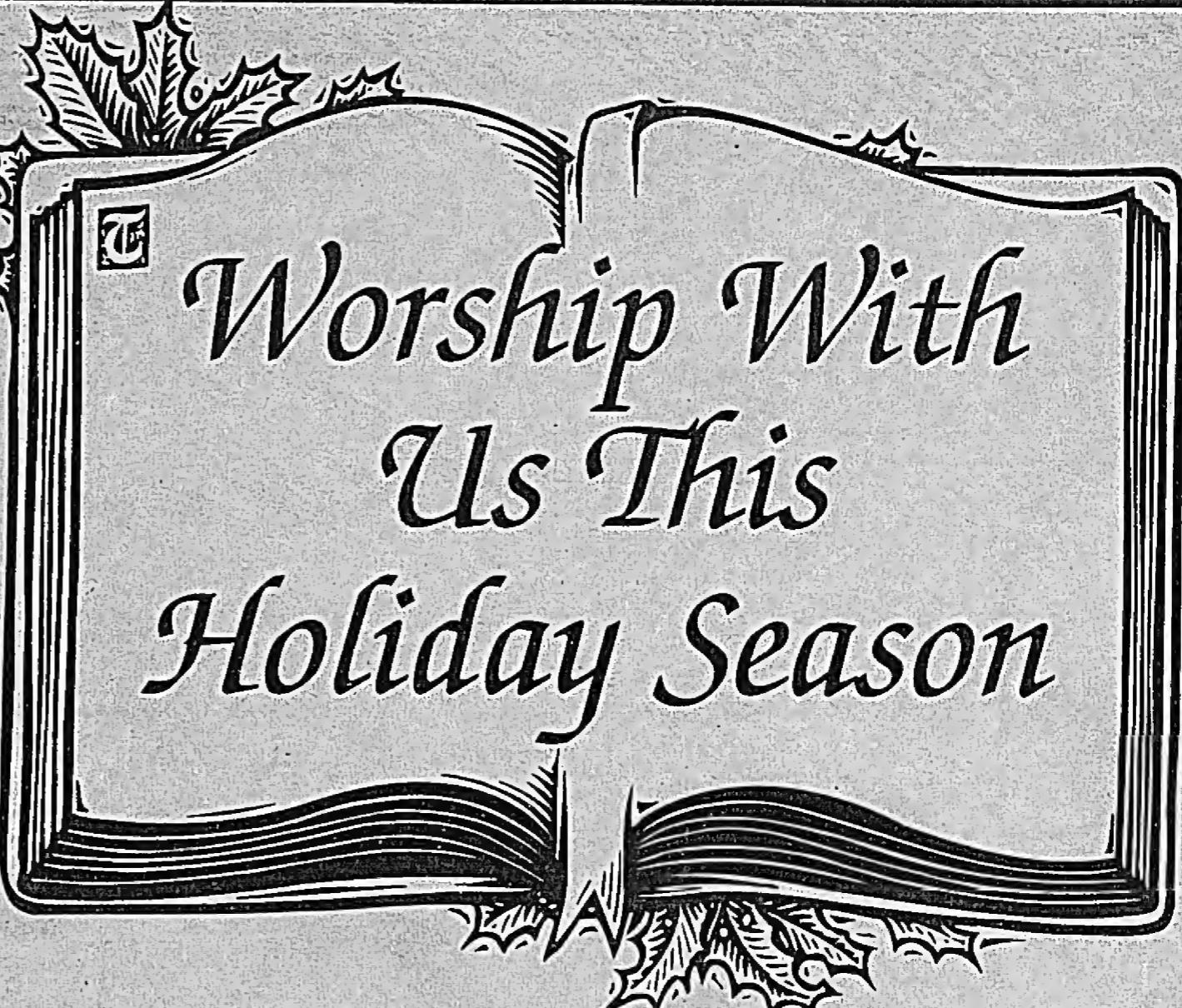
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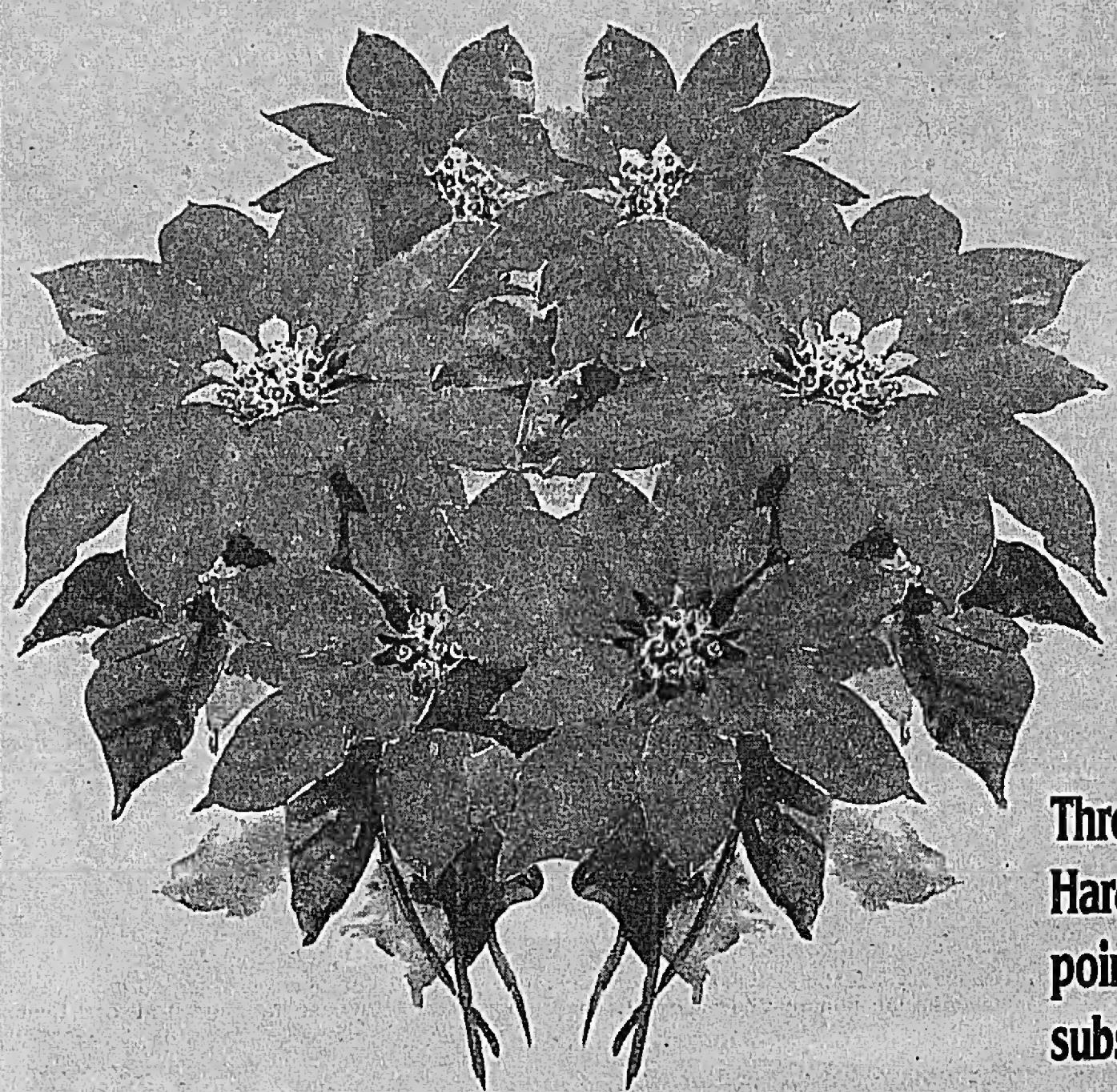
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## Carmel: Dynasty in the making?

Will Carmel be able to repeat and gain a high level of playoff status next year?

Will John Solan lead another record-setting year for the Corsairs offense? Junior linemen Thomas Deibler, Alex Schuster and Jim Clinton and Jack Lawlor will be back to forge the holes in opposing defenses. Darren Davis is back in the backfield as is Steve Hironimus.

But playoff history says no for the Lake and McHenry County high school football champions in the past. Carmel figures to be able to buck that trend.

"The hope is that we have learned how to get to that level. The work ethic and template are there. We have been knocking at the door, with the semifinals in 2001, the state title game in the quarterfinals last year and this year's state championship. It's a process," said Carmel head coach Andy Bitto.

Deerfield High won the state Class 5A title in 1975 and has made 19 playoff appearances, but did not make the playoffs in 1976. Woodstock won the title in 1983 but missed out in 1984. It was the same following the

school's 1997 4A title. Marian Central won in 1989, but did not return to the post-season in 1990. The Hurricanes won the title in Class 2A in 1983, 1986, 1987 and 1989. Richmond-Burton, the last nearby area winner in 1992 before Carmel's run this year, did not make the Class 2A playoffs in 1993.

Multiple team championships for football are led by Chicago Mt. Carmel and Joliet Catholic with nine each. Mt. Carmel won consecutive titles from 1988-1991, and three times in the 1990s and the latest in 2000, according to the IHSA Record Books Web Site.

Joliet Catholic won in four-of-five titles from 1975-78 and won again in 1981. Their last title was in 2000.

Providence New Lenox won in 1987 in 4A and won three straight 1996-97, the last in 2002, for eight overall.

Kankakee McNamara won three straight crowns in Class 3A, 1985-86 and four total. Wheaton Central, Warrenville South won four, from 1995, 1996 and bounced back in 1998.—By Steve Peterson

## Cats reach new heights

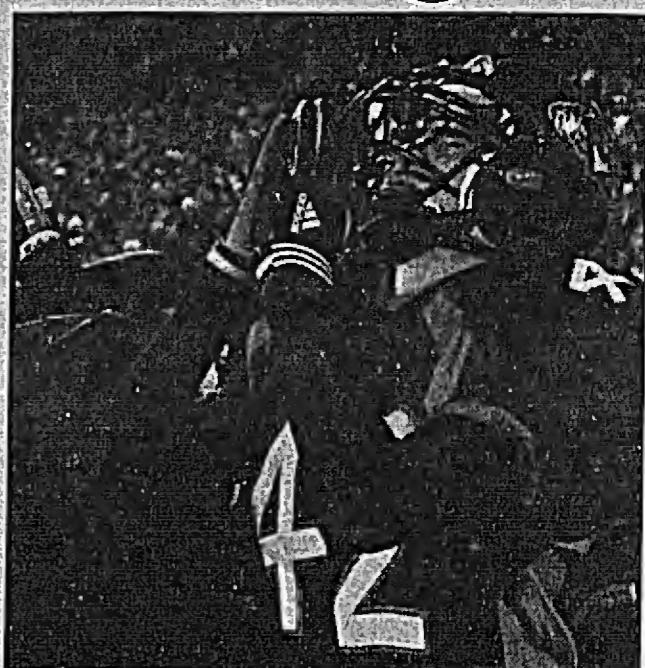
The black markings under the eyes were smeared. Bloody elbows, aches and pains. But perhaps most painful was the feeling of dejection.

Head coach Randy Kuceyeski and his Wildcat football team had come so far, only to fall in double-overtime against Oswego in the Class 7A State title game in Champaign two weeks ago.

"There's a bitter taste in our mouths, but also a great sense of accomplishment," said Illinois High School Association Player of the Year and co-captain Santino Panico. "We played with a lot of heart and definitely left it all on the field."

And that the Cats did, to the tune of a school history-making 13-1 season that included a second North Suburban Lake title and, of course, the first-ever trip to the championship game.

The appearance in Champaign marked the furthest Libertyville has advanced ever. Last year under Kuceyeski, Libertyville made it to the quarterfinals before falling to Lake Zurich.—By John Phelps



Libertyville's Ed Sindles looks for divine intervention in the waning moments of the state championship game.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

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# FANTASY FOOTBALL

## What would happen if Carmel and Libertyville played each other?

By ROB BACKUS  
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*Editor's Note: The following is an account of a fictional game between Carmel and Libertyville. Quotes were made up by the writer, with respective coaches' approval. These were the two best teams in the area, and due to scheduling conflicts, they weren't able to play each other, except in a 7-on-7, no pads game over the summer.*

*Keep in mind that since this game is being played strictly on paper, the injury to Carmel QB Mark Venegoni was not taken into account.*

Nearly two hours before game time, over 10,000 fans from across Lake County packed the stands and the area surrounding the field at the Cats' Den in Libertyville, dwarfing the totals from Carmel's tilt with Joliet Catholic and Libertyville's game against Prospect.

And they were all treated to an awe-inspiring performance from both teams, starting right from the opening kickoff.

Libertyville senior running back and Illinois Player of the Year Santino Panico took the opening kickoff and followed a wall of blockers all the way down the field for an 89-yard score.

"I took the ball and saw the blockers in front of me and I just took off," Panico said. "That return really got us off to a good start."

Libertyville's good start continued on Carmel's ensuing possession, as the Corsairs suffered a relapse of the fumble-itis that struck them early in the season.

Carmel QB Mark Venegoni botched a hand-off to fullback Jon Popovitch, which was recovered by Libertyville's Jeff Fontana on Carmel's 33-yard line.

Three plays later, Kevin Fontana ran up the middle for a 21-yard score to give the Cats an early 14-0 lead.

Despite the early deficit, Carmel coach Andy Bitto didn't let his team fall into a funk.

"This had happened to us before," Bitto said. "So I told the kids, 'We've been down like this before, and we came back so let's do it again!'"

Carmel's comeback began on the fourth play of its ensuing possession as Venegoni hooked up with Chris Miller on a slant pattern over the middle and Miller did the rest, to the tune of a 63-yard TD.

"We knew their passing game was strong, so we tried to limit their big-play ability," Libertyville coach Randy Kuceyeski said. "They (Carmel) just executed well on that play and we didn't."

The Miller touchdown was the first of three unanswered scores for Carmel, which also got a pair of short TD runs from Venegoni (7 carries, 89 yards) to take a 21-14 lead into halftime.

"Our game plan in the first half was great," Venegoni said. "We seemed to call all the right plays at the right time."

Carmel's strong play calling continued into the third quarter, as the Corsairs drove right down the field on the first possession of the second half. A 2-yard dive off left guard by Popovitch (21 carries, 127 yards) capped a 10-play, 76-yard drive that took over 8 minutes off the clock.

As it had all season long, Carmel seemed to

*It went down to the wire, with two teams going back and forth. You can't ask for much more from a game'*

Andy Bitto  
Carmel head coach

*hush came over the crowd, but that all ended with the snap of the ball.*

Miller made a solid connection with the ball and it went through the uprights to give Carmel a 38-35 win with just 42 seconds left, sending half the fans into a frenzy and leaving the home crowd in a state of shock.

"I knew it was good as soon as it left my foot," Miller said.

"That was a hell of a kick in a pressure situation," Bitto added.

The Cats still had a chance, and had advanced the ball to the Carmel 40-yard line with just 6 seconds left in the game.

And the Hail Mary pass had been kind to Libertyville at one point in the season as the Cats had tied the game against McHenry in week two on a last-second heave into the end zone.

This time, however, it was not to be as Jansen's pass fell short of the end zone and was tipped away by Jack Simmons to give Carmel a 38-35 win.

"It was just an exciting game," Bitto said. "It went down to the wire, with two teams going back and forth. You can't ask for much more from a game."

If only the game would actually happen...

## Head-To-Head Matchups



### Running Game



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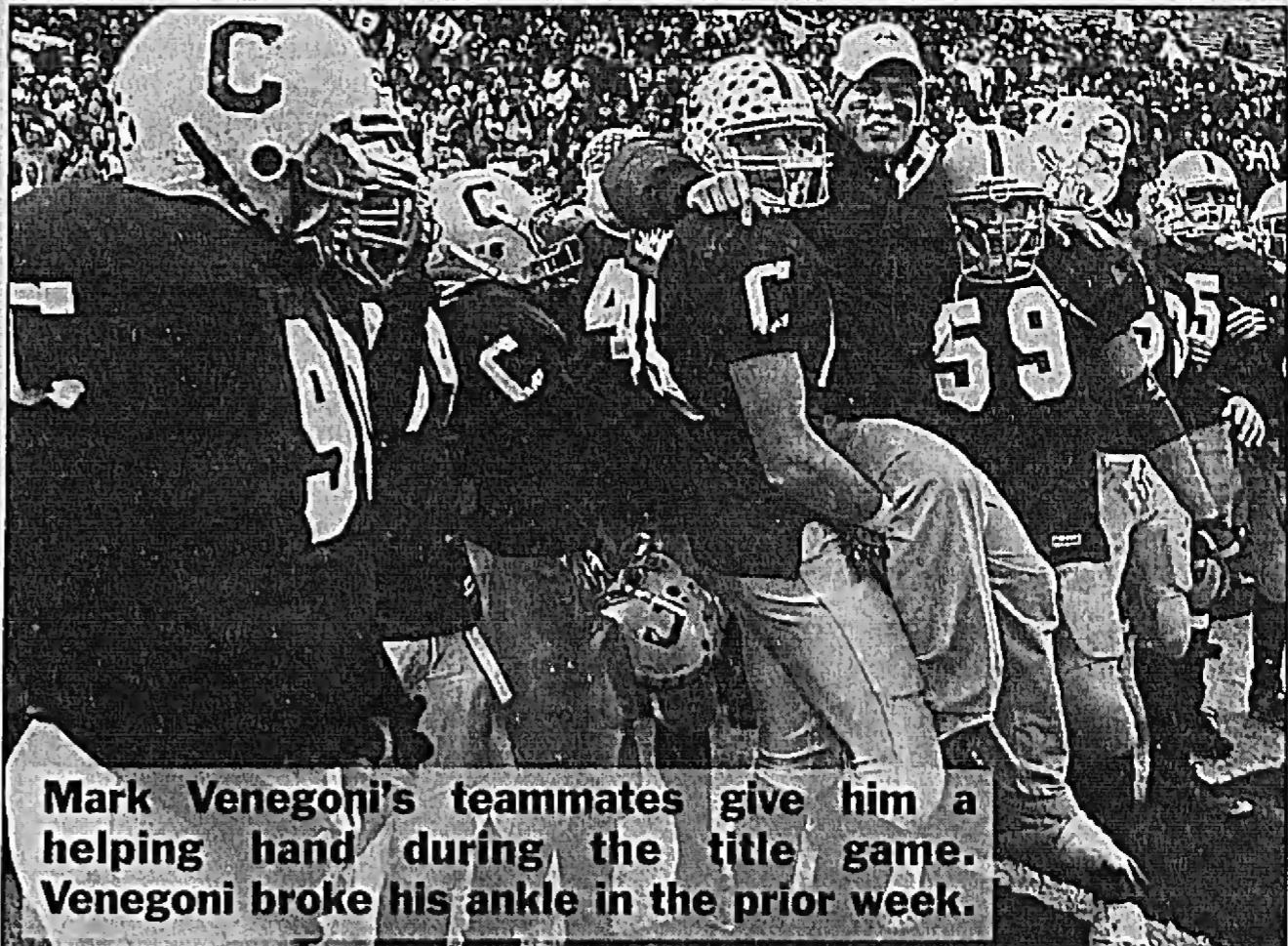
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**Mark Venegoni's teammates give him a helping hand during the title game. Venegoni broke his ankle in the prior week.**

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Our 2003 State Championship run was one of having to deal with disappointment, death, success and injury.

#### Disappointment...

In reflecting on the 2003 Carmel Corsair football season, I have to go back to the day it really began.

It began on Nov. 16, 2002, the Saturday we lost to Mt. Carmel 28-21 in the 6A quarterfinals.

We had beaten them in the third week of the season and won the CMC White Title. We were 11-0 and fully expected to win at Gateley Stadium again and continue on to the 6A championship.

But Mt. Carmel out-coached us and eventually outplayed us by playing lower and using better technique.

From that moment on our players and coaches were dedicated to redefine our approach to coaching and playing. We would have an opportunity to put this to the test one week later, when we reentered the Chicago Prep Bowl Playoffs.

Our practices were intense and our focus was on emphasizing technique. Basically we wanted to play low, play fast and play smart.

Our players responded like champions by beating St. Rita 40-7 and winning the 69th Chicago Prep Bowl 55-22 over Dunbar.

This gave us a springboard to our off-season workouts. They were very highly attended and we lifted four days a week from Dec. 5 on.

During the spring our staff met almost

#### First Person Perspective

## Andy Bitto

Carmel coach

## 4 phases of a great season

every week, honing down coaching techniques to optimize our 2003 coaching approach.

#### Death...

Moving into the summer, we started our passing leagues and began developing our passing game.

We felt we had two outstanding quarterbacks in senior Mark Venegoni and sophomore Marshall Khayat. The future at that position seemed pretty secure with these two young men.

But on June 21, Marshall was killed in a motorcycle accident. Our players and community had to come together to try to heal one another.

How could a person so gifted pass on so young?

We all had to figure out a way we would be able to move on in a productive manner. Our basic resolve was to work harder together and just maybe we could deal with the grief by

coming together as a team.

#### Success...

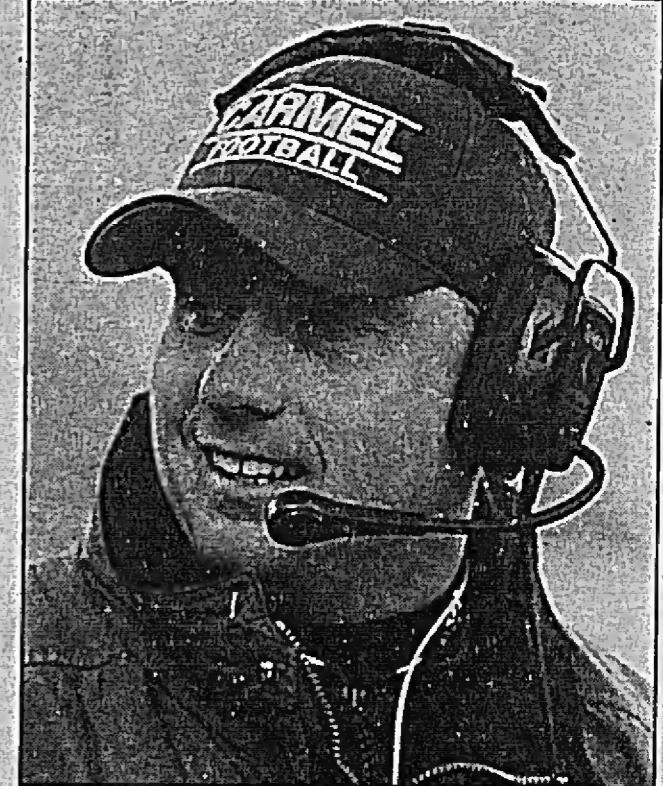
Our pre-season camp was outstanding. We progressed faster than anticipated.

Our players were in great shape and we remained relatively healthy. Then the media's predictions were published.

Many newspapers picked us as #1 in the state either in 6A or overall, which added a certain element of pressure to perform at a higher level.

During our first game we went down 10-0 to Marist in the first quarter but rebounded to win 35-10. In our second game we had to score with 48 seconds remaining to beat Benet Academy 21-14.

Something happened during our third week of practice; we began to put it all together. We played better and better and by week



nine we were 8-0. We were scheduled to play Joliet Catholic Academy at home for the East Suburban Conference Title in front of 7,500 people and on a national satellite television audience.

Again our players came together to play outstanding football by beating JCA 41-14 for only the second time in school history.

Our playoff run began by playing Notre Dame 42-18, Crystal Lake South 55-7 and Rockford Boylan in the quarterfinals 42-14. These wins matched our 2001 team by making it to the state semifinals.

We were to take on the talented Minooka Indians at home.

Early in the fourth quarter, leading 28-14, Venegoni had his leg rolled. He sat out the rest of the game, with John Solan finishing it.

We earned our first shot at the 6A championship by beating Minooka 40-20.

**Injury...**

Early reports on Mark's leg were optimistic. He did have a hairline fracture in his leg but it was a straight break, which would allow him to play.

He just needed to get his sprained ankle feeling better.

The coaching staff had to assume Mark was not going to play and we designed an offensive game plan that we felt Solan or Mike Serio could handle with only one week's preparation.

We decided to give John and Mike equal reps to see which one would be able to handle the pressure.

By Wednesday Mark's ankle was not getting any better and John was performing better. So Thursday, the staff decided that John would be our starter.

On Nov. 29, the team made Carmel history by defeating Bloomington 54-26. It was simply amazing how everyone managed the week and how we would not let anything deter us from our ultimate goal.

#### Conclusion...

The 2003 Carmel Corsair football season made history because of the players and coaches who dedicated themselves to accomplish predetermined goals—conference champs, undefeated season and a state championship.

We had to deal with disappointment, death, success and injury on our journey.

Our senior leadership over every obstacle was exemplary. They guided our team with class and showed us the right way to handle difficult situations.

The players overcame because of hard work, character and love. Each player on this team was an inspiration because they gave of themselves to achieve great things for this team.

#### First Person Perspective

## Mark Venegoni

Carmel quarterback

## A team effort

What a season, what a year. I don't even know where to begin, well actually, yes I do.

I will begin on Dec. 5, 2002, because that's when the 2003 season started for us. It started with us lifting as a team and gradually getting tougher.

By the end of the summer I was wondering what I had signed up for because it was the most strenuous and demanding off-season that I had ever experienced at Carmel.

The offense got more publicity than any team in the state; our defense got absolutely none.

This is the one thing that bugs me more than anything about the season because without the defense we would have started off 0-2. The offense was not playing up to par and the defense won those games for us.

After those first two games, something clicked. I don't know if it was the coaches riding us harder, or just pure pride.

We started having fun again.

The first weeks were pressure packed with the hype and we were stressed out, but after that we started playing the "game." That's all it is and ever will be.

The Joliet Catholic game came around and we hadn't beaten those guys in almost 30 years.

But records are meant to be broken, or smashed in this case.

In front of a standing-room only crowd and a TV audience of more than 2 million people, we played our best overall game of the year. The feeling of winning a conference title cannot be matched; at least that's what I thought.

We pretty much breezed through the playoffs. Without sounding cocky, we were a monster truck and our opponents were the smashed cars.

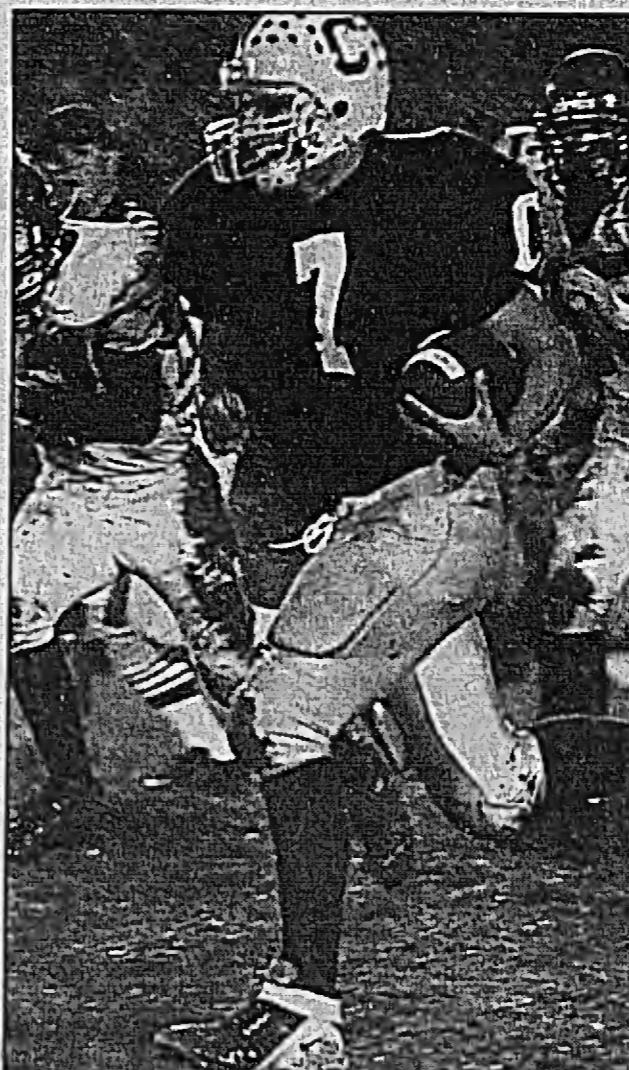
Everything was going smoothly until about 8 minutes to go in the semifinal game against Minooka.

The play "36" was called in the huddle and that meant it was double dive time. I ended up keeping the ball and breaking my leg.

I knew something was wrong when I heard a pop. I played it off on the sideline as if I was fine, but I knew inside that I was in some trouble.

The championship week, the week I was waiting for since I can remember was not going to happen for me. I was devastated, but I couldn't show it.

I had to help John Solan prepare for what was going to be the biggest game of our lives. I tried to keep a smile on my face, but to be honest I was a mess on the inside.



I don't know how I kept a smile on my face when I just felt like crying.

Watching John on the field made me feel better because he led the team to a victory. I like to think that I helped in that a little bit, but it was all him.

He played very well, and I just wished that I could have gotten an opportunity to play.

The feeling of winning the conference title was outweighed like a feather by an elephant in this game.

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For the past 14 weeks, this season has provided me with a lifetime worth of memories. These memories were provided by a group of young men who shared a common bond; and that bond was to make Libertyville High School football history.

As last season ended in the quarterfinals against Lake Zurich, this senior group made a commitment to take this year's team further than any team before it. As a result of this dedication, the journey began.

The difficult 2003 schedule would be a challenge for any team, but I knew it would pay huge dividends for us when we started the playoffs. The confidence grew as we beat a strong Lincoln-Way team, and then when we came back three times in a double overtime win over the McHenry Warriors it did nothing but make our bond as a team even stronger.

The stage was now set for us to make our fourth consecutive conference title run.

Every week different players rose to the occasion. Many of these players were filling in for injured starters at many key times in conference games.

The mark of a good team is when players can step in and the team marches on. We knew we had a good team; our players were

genuinely caring about one another as each week passed.

Believe it or not, a very big ingredient in developing our team chemistry was the addition of a video game on the big screen TV in our locker room. Teammates would share competition for hours, both before and after practice.

Starters would play with subs, and offense would play against defense; all the while developing an even stronger chemistry, video game by video game. This even continued up until we boarded the bus to Champaign.

The journey continued with a huge win over state finalist and arch-rival Stevenson and our nemesis Warren as the regular season wound down. A lopsided win over Lake Forest clinched the title.

The journey continued.

We were confident, but uptight, in the first two games of the playoffs against Antioch and Woodstock. Everyone talked about a rematch with McHenry, and I think we felt the pressure to get to that game.

The hype was on NBC, CBS and CLTV as all were covering this rematch. It seemed that the pressure was lifted because we made it there, and we proved it by winning in convincing fashion, 41-27, to move on to the semifinals.

Playing Prospect, the two-time defending state champs, would be a true measuring stick as to how good we really were. I have never experienced the anticipation that was evident during the week leading up to the game.

The school and community spirit was unbelievable. Extra bleachers were brought in to handle the overflow crowd.

It was time to showcase Wildcat football, and did we ever.

As the moon and stars were all aligned, we played a flawless game in front of 9,000 screaming maniacs. We had dethroned the champions—now on to Champaign.

The excitement and anticipation was incredible, as was the school and community

spirit. Wildcat pride was everywhere.

Although the game didn't turn out the way we had hoped, our players gave everything they had and then some more. I couldn't be prouder of their effort.

The character and class of this team will always be remembered. The experiences we shared cannot be duplicated.

This incredible journey will end with our seniors, but will continue with our juniors as they mold their own legacy.

## Our incredible journey

## First Person Perspective

## Randy Kuceyeski

## Libertyville coach

# Our incredible journey

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Karl Jennrich has been a fixture in Libertyville football for three decades.

"This was my 31st year. I remember coming on board when Bill DeBrueller was our head sophomore coach. He was an English teacher and Vietnam veteran and then went to real estate. I remember Dale Christensen's first year as head coach," Jennrich said.

The Wildcats offense was clicking right until the final gun of their Class 7A title game, a loss to Oswego, a heartbreaking 28-21 double overtime loss.

"We work the sophomores, juniors and seniors together. We have been blessed with several good ones (on offense) through the years, with Kevin Fontana and Santino Panico the latest," Jennrich said. "The offensive line, led by Dave Moosman, has meshed together."

Libertyville's coaching staff is a firm believer in the wing T offense. Jennrich has seen top-quality linemen through the years, such as Jason Jowers who played at Wisconsin, and Mike Moraski.

"It is the most popular offense in the United States. It is huge in California and Florida. Around here, McHenry uses it," Jennrich said. "We like it because of its misdirection, 'I put it together every year, but it is constantly tweaked by the assistants for offense, Jim Schurr and John Pontikes. The first TD of the playoffs, a halfback pass, was suggested by Schurr."

The 13-1 record means some more opportunities for the Wildcats' best players, such as quarterback Chris Jensen.

The post-season run, from a win over McHenry for the second time to beating Prospect 28-0 in the state semifinals, will be remembered for quite some time.

"It was super. The crowd for us and Carmel at the state finals was great. It shows that the community will support you 100 percent," Jennrich said.

"The healing process this week has been a good one. People have been giving the kids a lot of compliments. For the juniors, they will be hungry for next year. It starts in the weight room this week."

LHS had almost 300 yards in the title game with Oswego.

Jennrich has moved on to his winter assignment, coaching freshmen wrestling.

Also on head coach Randy Kuceyeski's staff are: Jim Fehling, Mike Jones, Mike Larsen, Brian Wilcox, and Sean Ferrell.

Ferrell is one of the newer members of the staff, in his second year, working with defensive ends.

"It was very exciting. It is something that every coach should have a chance to experience," he said of the run to Class 7A runner-up honors. "LHS always has a great following and that is a testament to the kids' character. It has a lot to do with how they are brought up," Ferrell said.

Gaining a shutout win over Prospect on that special Saturday night at home was satisfying for the defense. The semifinal round win was 27-0 over highly regarded Prospect, sending the Wildcats to the state final clash with Oswego. The defense earlier shut down McHenry and Woodstock in the post-season.

"The kids on defense really worked hard to gain that respect," Ferrell said.

Head coach and defensive coordinator Kuceyeski and Jones call the defensive schemes.

The return of senior Kevin Fontana to the defensive end in week seven from injury helped spur the post-season success.



Libertyville fans young and old cheer at a pep rally.

## First Person Perspective

## Santino Panico

## Libertyville running back

# A chance of a lifetime

Playing football for the Wildcats in 2003 was probably the most exciting season of my life. I had the opportunity to be coached by not only great coaches but great men.

It was amazing how the community of Libertyville got behind us and supported us until the final seconds ticked off the clock in the State Championship.

I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to my coaches and everyone that supported our team in 2003.

The one thing that I am most grateful for are the players that I lined up with this season. The relationships that I made this year are so much more rewarding than any victory.

My teammates taught me a lot about myself this year. They helped me overcome adversity through hard times and celebrated with me during the good times.

I guess my only regret this season is not being able to take the field one more season with these great young men.

One more thing...I would give away every accolade, every yard, every touchdown, every



play I was in to win a State Championship with these players.

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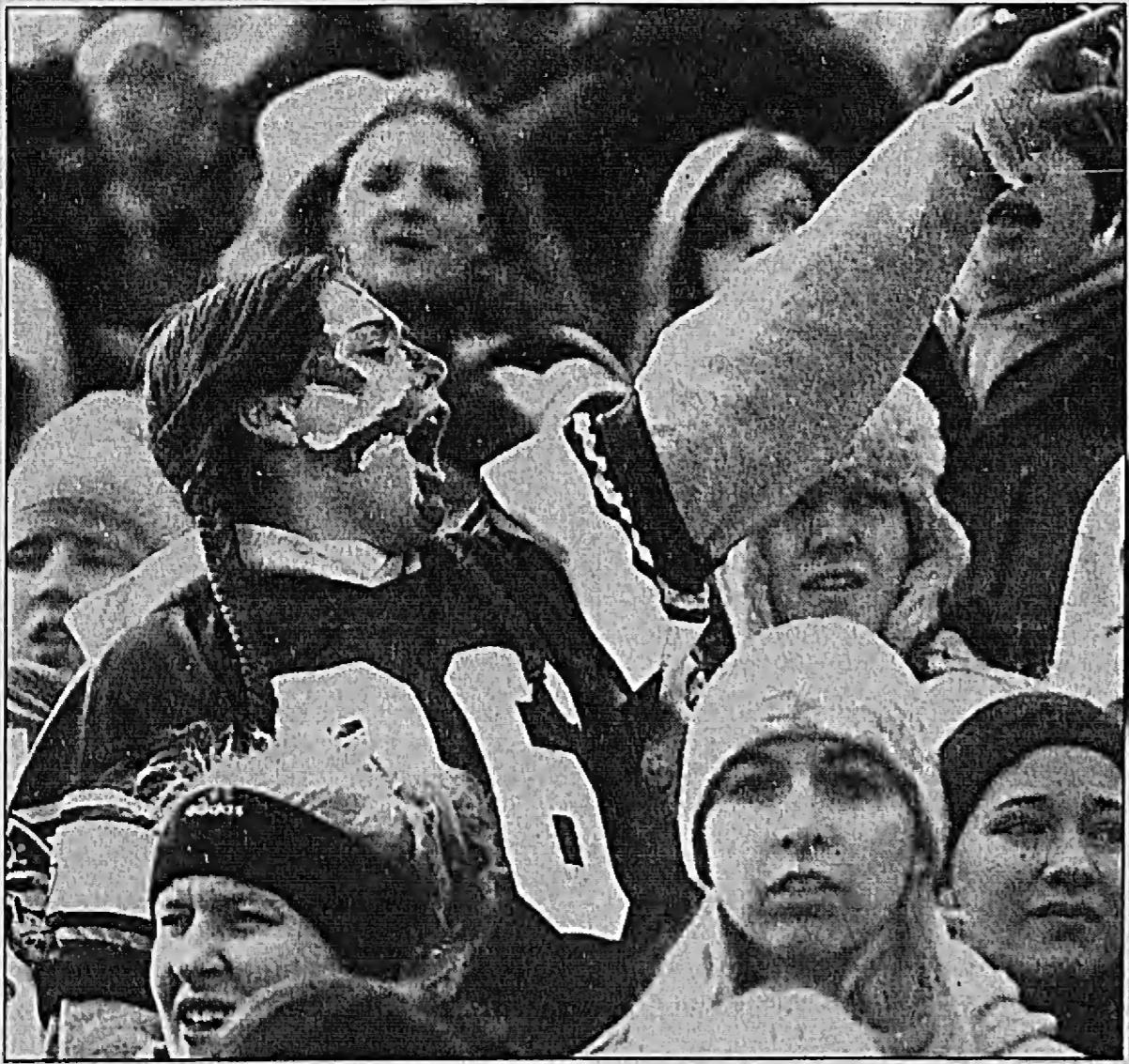
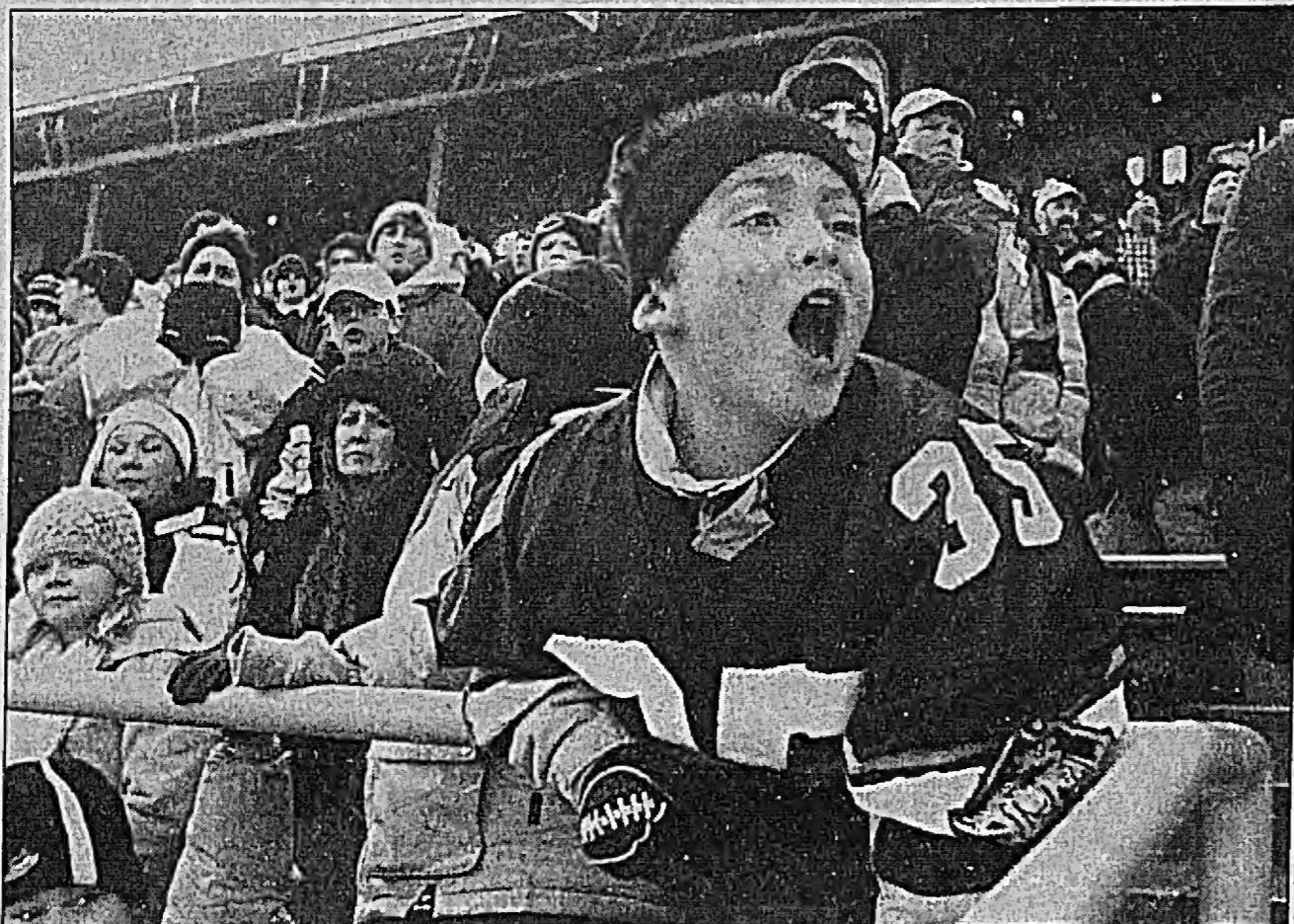
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Carmel went through what can best be described as "Opening Day Jitters", committing five turnovers, and falling behind 10-0 early.

However, the Corsairs scored 35 straight points after that, led by QB Mark Venegoni (9-for-13, 120 yards passing, 2 rushing TDs) and running back Jon Popovitch (15 carries, 114 yards), going on to win 35-10.

The game could have been a lot closer if not for several goal line stands by Carmel's underrated defense.

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2**Carmel 21, Benet Academy 14**

Carmel continued to look like anything but the prohibitive favorite for the Class 6A title, struggling against a tough Benet team.

The Corsairs committed four more turnovers and needed a 2-yard TD run from Venegoni in the last two minutes to pull away 21-14.

Venegoni had another outstanding game, completing 11-of-14 passes for 227 yards, including a 39-yard strike to Jack Simmons to set up his game-winning run two plays later.

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3**Carmel 37, Marian Central 22**

After committing eight fumbles in the first two games, Carmel appeared to get back on track with a resounding win over Marian Central.

Jon Popovitch led the Corsairs with 154 yards on 15 carries and scored a career-high four touchdowns. Carmel's Jack Simmons and Pat Kimerer also came up big as each had interceptions, which led to 10 Carmel points.

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4**Carmel 45, Notre Dame 19 (Homecoming)**

This game was perhaps the first sign that Carmel was a special team. With the exception of a 49-13 win over Notre Dame in 2001, the last 15 times that Carmel and the Dons have hooked up, the games were decided by 15 points or less.

Carmel gained 309 yards on the ground, led by Venegoni's 134 yards and 3 TDs. He also completed 7-of-11 passes for 172 yards, including a 49-yard TD pass to Chris Miller (4 catches, 112 yards).

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5**Carmel 42, St. Joseph 0**

Subbing for an injured Jon Popovitch, junior running back Billy Malzow gained over 80 yards on the ground and scored 3 TDs—in the first half.

Mike Serio added 42 yards on 6 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns, as the Corsairs gained 204 yards on the ground. And Carmel's defense completely shut down St. Joe's, allowing just 38 yards of total offense while forcing six turnovers.

This was the first game in a series of laughers for Carmel heading down the stretch.

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6**Carmel 35, St. Patrick 14**

The Corsairs got off to a slow start once again, fumbling the ball away twice in the first quarter, as the Shamrocks held an early 7-0 lead.

Popovitch then answered back with two straight TD runs to put his team up 14-7, which was followed by perhaps the strangest moment in Carmel's season.

Mike Serio appeared to break the game open with a 30-yard TD run, but the ref mistakenly blew the play dead, thinking Popovitch had the ball.

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7**Carmel 62, Nazareth Academy 7**

Carmel racked up over 500 yards of total offense in what was the team's biggest laugher of the year.

Venegoni (8 carries, 98 yards) scored a pair of TDs and also completed two TD passes to Jack Simmons and Chris Miller. Steve Hironimus and Popovitch each had solid games on the ground for Carmel.

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8**Carmel 49, St. Viator 24**

The Corsairs got another easy win, leading at one point 49-0, before St. Viator scored 24 points against Carmel's backups in garbage time.

Hironimus (6 carries, 112 yards) led Carmel on the ground and Darren Davis, Popovitch and Serio each added touchdown runs for the Corsairs.

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9**Carmel 41, Joliet Catholic 14**

In a game dubbed by Lakeland Newspapers as "The Holy War", Carmel appeared to exorcise the demons of seasons past in a 41-14 drubbing of eventual Class 5A champion Joliet Catholic Academy.

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10**Carmel 42, Notre Dame 18 (1st round, Class 6A playoffs)**

At one point Carmel was up just 14-6, but scored 21 straight third quarter points to take a 35-6 lead.

Venegoni led the Corsairs with 136 yards on the ground and scored two TDs. He also hooked up with Kwasigroch and Miller for TD passes in the contest.

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11**Carmel 55, Crystal Lake S. 7 (2nd round playoffs)**

Throughout the season, Carmel averaged 42 points per game, while the starting defense allowed just 8 points per game. And in this game against Crystal Lake South, the Corsairs surpassed both of those impressive stats.

Venegoni had a pair of TD runs and hooked up with Miller on a 22-yard TD strike. Serio and Popovitch each added a pair of touchdown runs as Carmel racked up over 300 yards of offense—in the first half.

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12**Carmel 42, Rockford Boylan 14 (Class 6A quarterfinals)**

Carmel almost had a tandem of 100-yard backs as Serio gained 91 yards and Popovitch gained 95, led by the outstanding offensive line of Paul Lyons, Kevin Ryan, Drew Cairo-Gross, Eddie Adamski and Dan Osterhout. In the game, the Corsairs outgained Boylan 342-215 yards on the ground.

Venegoni had an outstanding game once again, connecting with Miller and Kwasigroch on TDs and running one in from 44 yards out.

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13**Carmel 40, Minooka 20 (Class 6A semifinals)**

This time around it was Jack Simmons who had an outstanding game for Carmel, hauling in five passes for 93 yards and a 28-yard TD strike from Venegoni, who passed for 164 yards and ran for 53.

Popovitch went over the 1,000-yard mark on the season with 112 yards rushing, scoring from 10-yards out with just over 2 minutes left in the game to seal the win for Carmel.

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14**Carmel 54, Bloomington 26 (Class 6A title game)**

It all came down to one game. Would Carmel go down as one of the greatest teams in state history, or would it simply go down on the list of over-hyped teams that never lived up to expectations?

The answer was in doubt nearing the end of the third quarter as Bloomington held a slim, 26-25 lead. Thanks to several turnovers from the Purple Raiders down the stretch, however, the Corsairs scored the game's final 29 points to win the Class 6A state title.

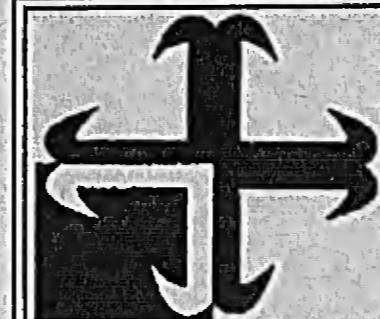
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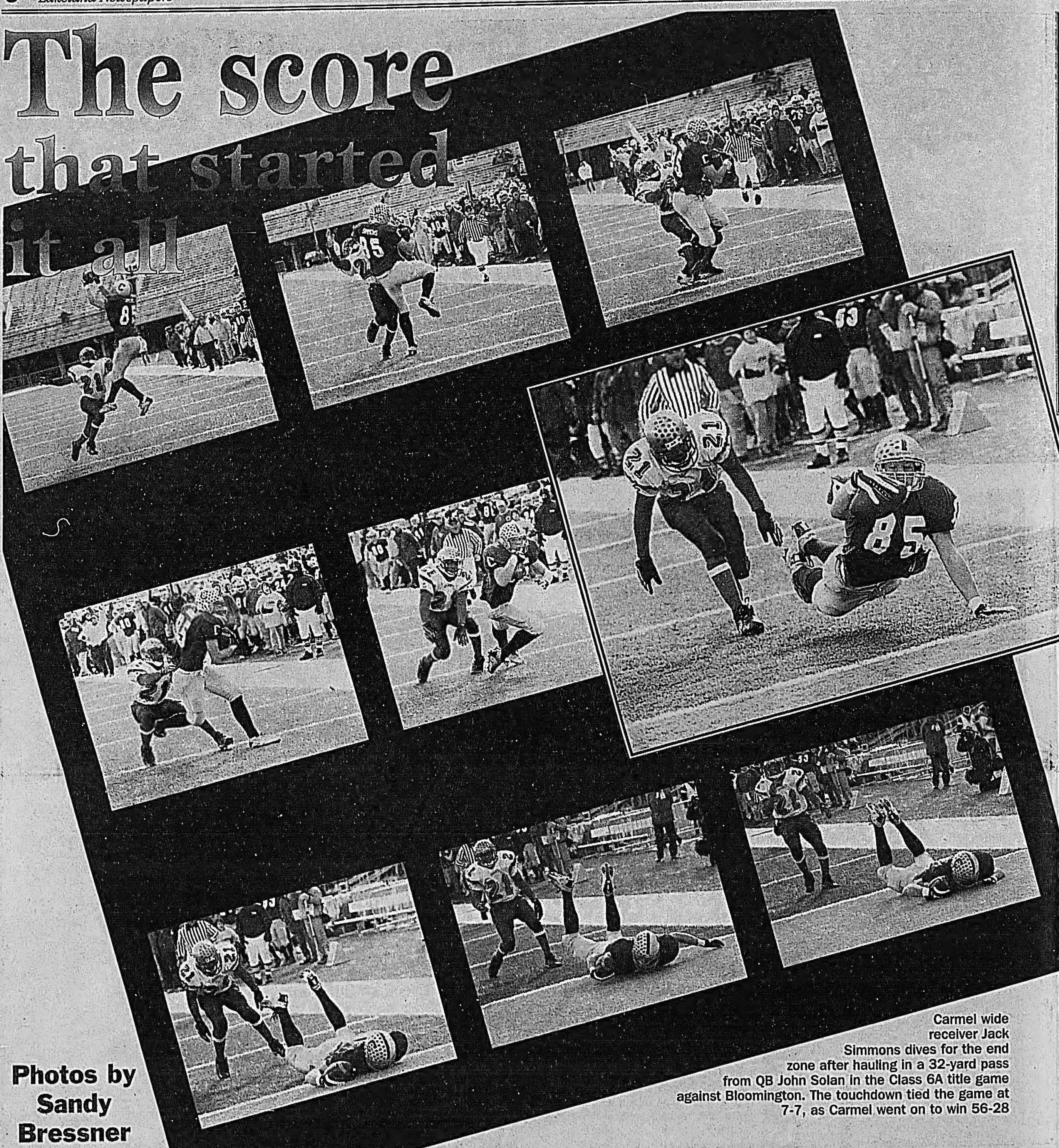
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# Carmel's road to the title

# The score that started it all



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Carmel wide receiver Jack Simmons dives for the end zone after hauling in a 32-yard pass from QB John Solan in the Class 6A title game against Bloomington. The touchdown tied the game at 7-7, as Carmel went on to win 56-28.

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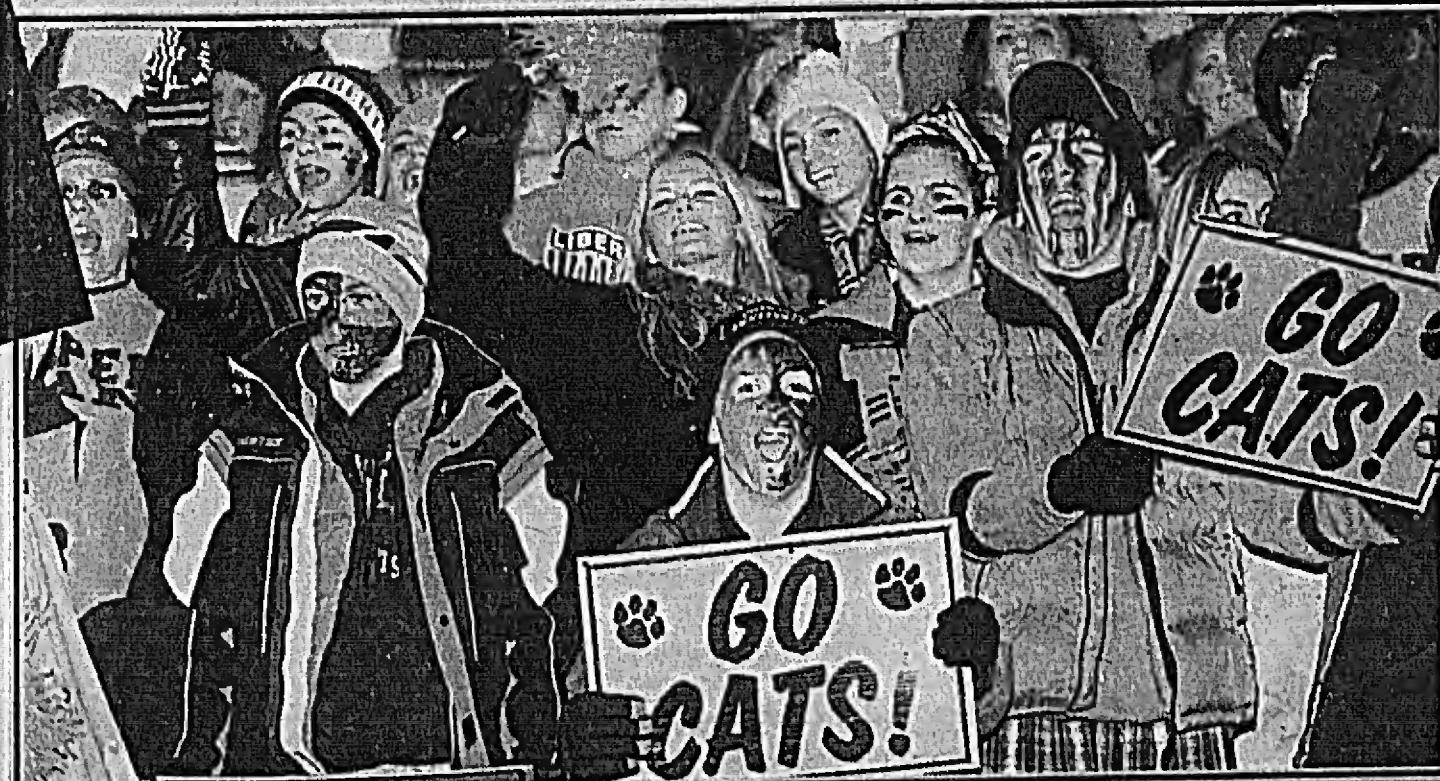
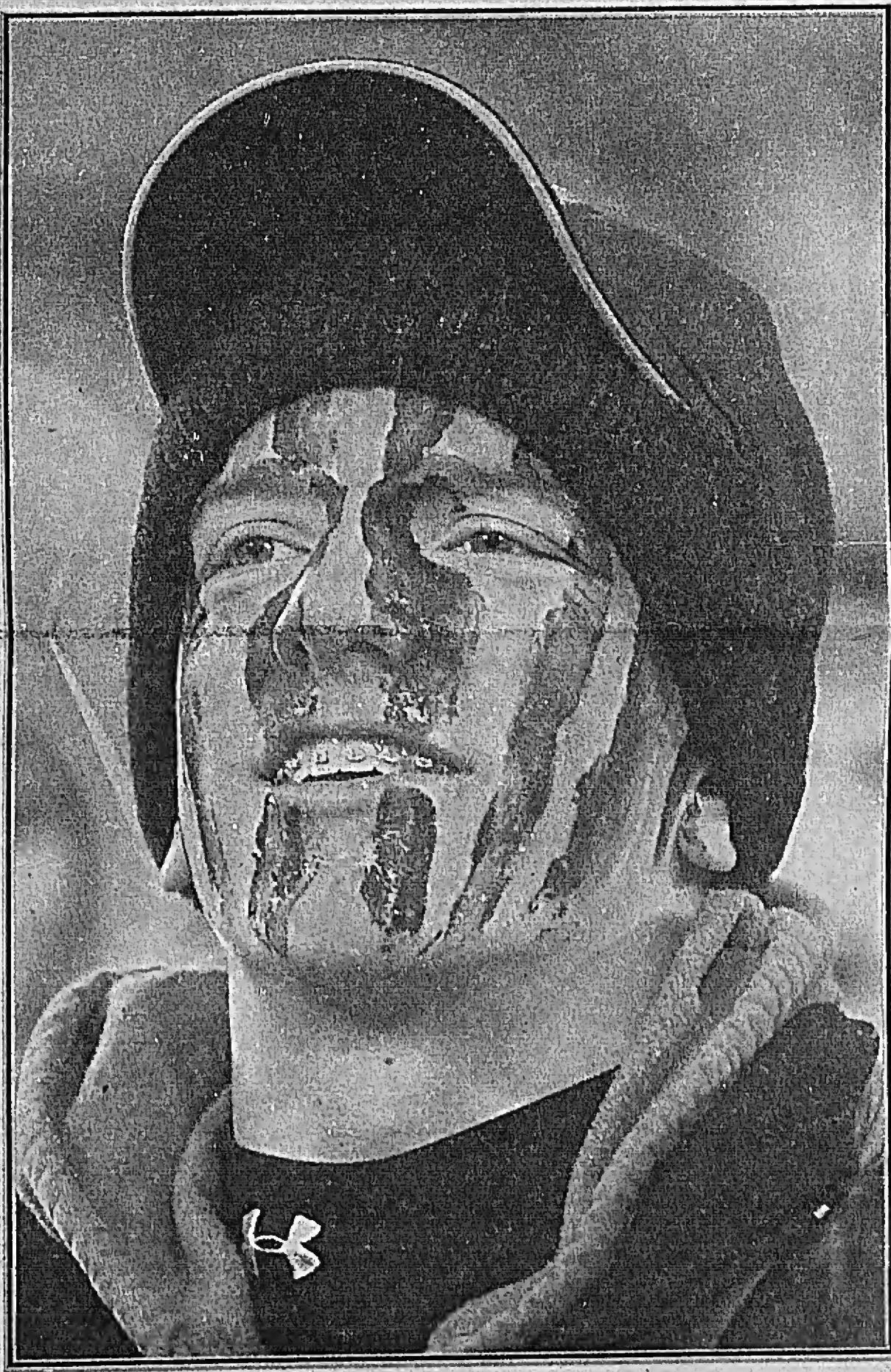
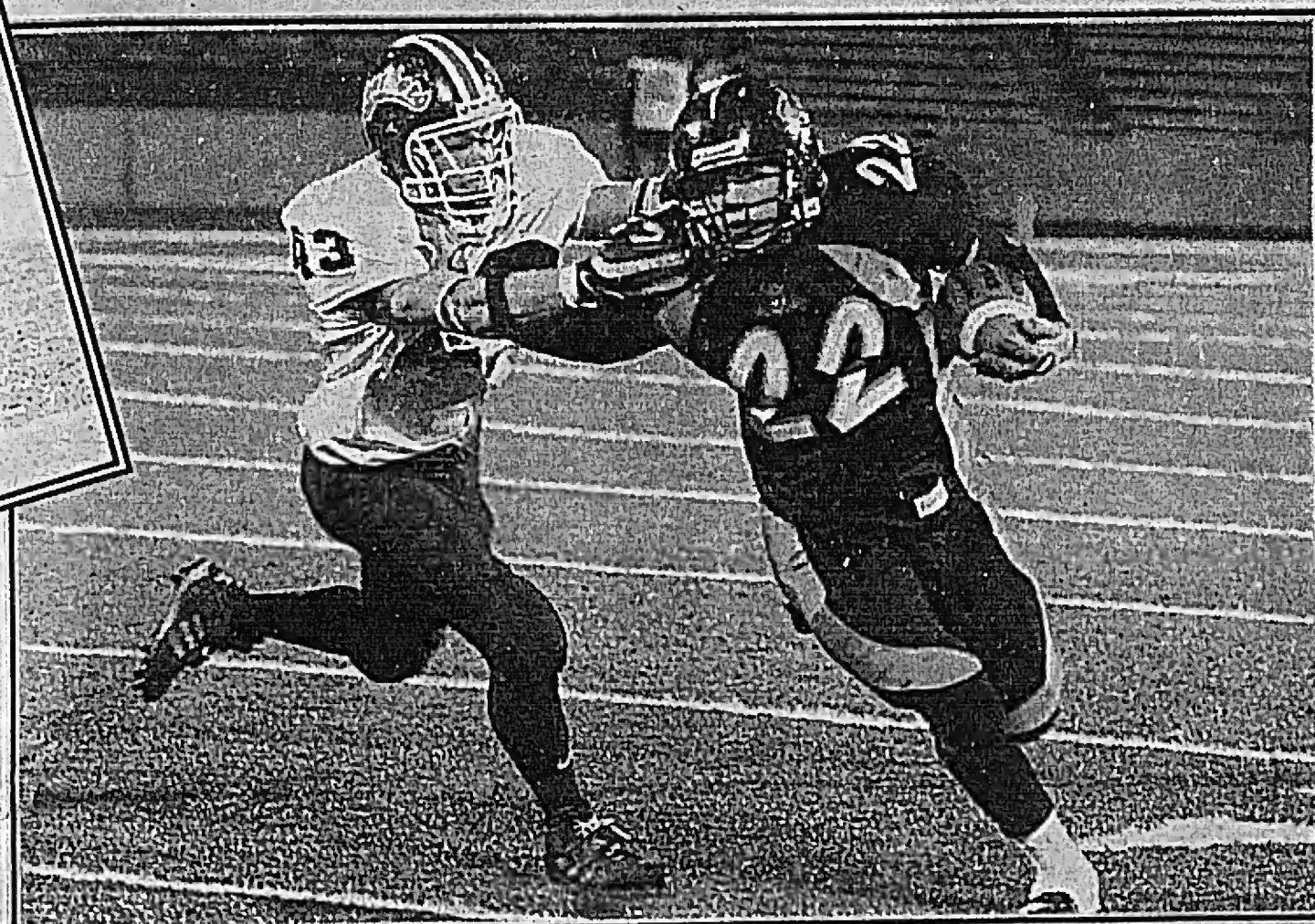
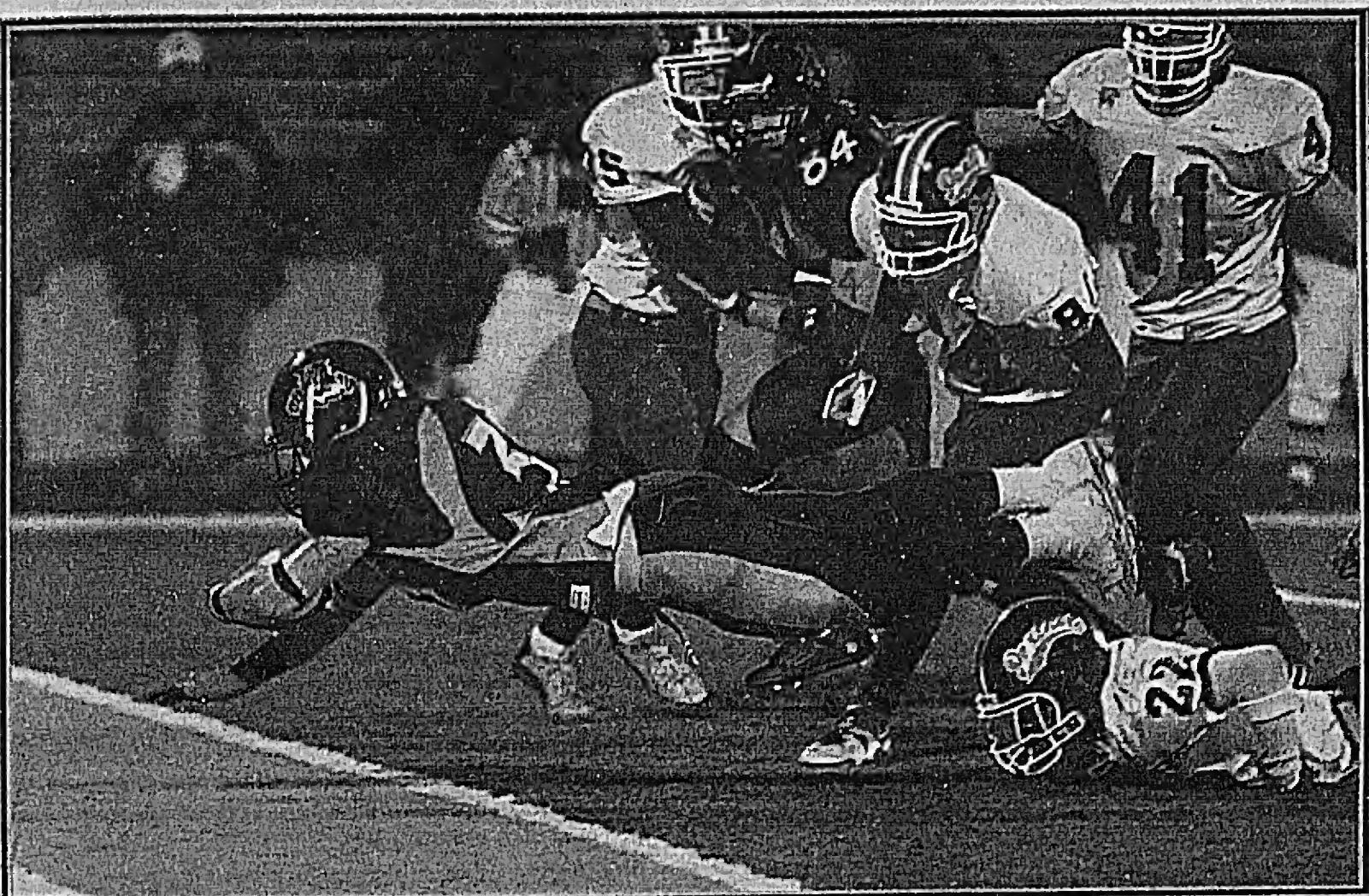
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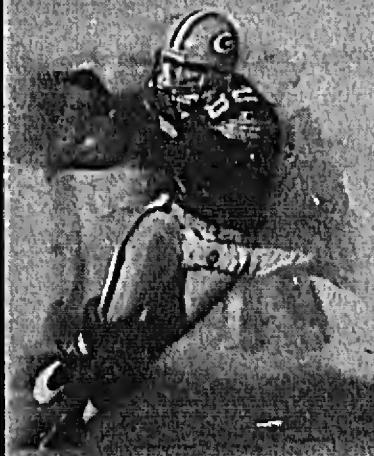
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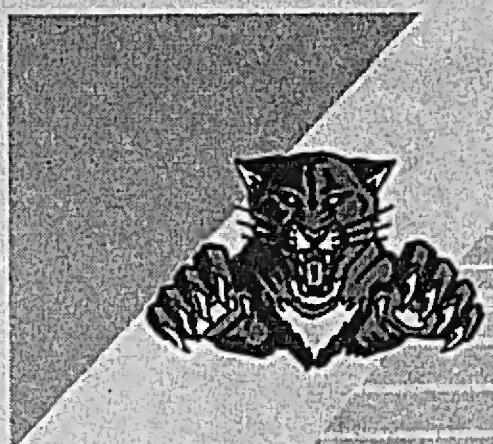
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GAME 1

**Libertyville 42, Lincoln Way Central 20**

Libertyville's record-setting season began with a record-setting performance from Illinois Player of the Year Santino Panico. Panico gained 169 yards on nine carries, and scored four rushing TDs. He also scooped up a fumble and returned it 61 yards for his fifth and final score. The 5 TDs tied Kevin Robertson's school record, set in 1993.

GAME 2

**Libertyville 42, McHenry 35 (2 OT)**

Although these two teams would meet again 10 weeks later in the Class 7A quarterfinals, neither of these two teams knew it at the time and they both left it all on the field.

The Cats needed a last-second, 25-yard Hail Mary pass, tipped by Panico into the hands of running back John Haas, to tie the game and send it into overtime.

A pair of overtime TD runs from Kevin Fontana (21 carries, 128 yards) and a gutsy hold by the defense in the second overtime sealed the win for Libertyville.

# Almost perfect, but not quite

GAME 3

**Libertyville 28, Zion-Benton 0**

Panico had another phenomenal game for Libertyville, gaining nearly 250 all-purpose yards for the Cats. He had 66 rushing yards on nine carries, he returned four punts for 35 yards and caught five balls for 144 yards, the last a 51-yard TD strike from QB Chris Jansen.

He also had 10 tackles roaming the defensive secondary. It was games like this that secured the Lakeland Newspapers "Ironman of the Year" award for Panico.

GAME 4

**Libertyville 24, N. Chicago 21**

This game meant a little more for Libertyville, as it was looking to avenge the only regular season loss of the previous season against a tough North Chicago squad. The game was back-and-forth throughout, with the Cats taking a 21-13 third-quarter lead on a 50-yard TD run from Kevin Fontana (23 carries, 176 yards).

After the Warhawks tied it at 21, Jansen hooked up with Brett Lancaster on a 27-yard pass to set up the game-winning, 22-yard field goal from Ryne Gavigan on the last drive of the game.

GAME 5

**Libertyville 37, Stevenson 30**

An always-tough Stevenson team took Libertyville down to the wire, until a last-second Hail Mary pass was intercepted, sealing the win for the Cats.

Kevin Fontana led the Cats with 112 yards on 13 carries, and scored a 60-yard TD for Libertyville. John Haas also chipped in with a pair of long touchdown runs.

GAME 6

**Libertyville 56, Mundelein 28**

After two close contests a laugher was exactly what Libertyville needed and it got one in a 56-28 shellacking of NSC-Lake rival Mundelein. The Cats had a trio of backs who reached the 100-yard mark: Kevin Fontana (141), Panico (119) and John Haas (105). All three also found the end zone at least once, with Panico leading the way with three scores for the Cats. Panico also added an interception as did Kevin Burns.

GAME 7

**Libertyville 42, Warren 28 (homecoming)**

The Cats were firing on all cylinders in their homecoming win over Warren. John Haas had a pair of first-half TD runs and Kevin Fontana and Chris Jansen each added first-half scores as the Cats held a 28-0 lead at the half. Warren would score 28 points in garbage time, but the game was never in doubt.

GAME 8

**Libertyville 49, Antioch 31**

In a preview of the first-round playoff game just two weeks later, Libertyville rolled over Antioch 49-31 to clinch its fourth straight NSC Lake division title.

Chris Jansen had an excellent game under center, completing 7-of-11 passes for 152 yards and two scores, both to John Haas (3 catches, 98 yards). Kevin Fontana had 114 yards rushing and a 69-yard TD run and Panico added a pair of TD runs for the Cats.

GAME 9

**Libertyville 48, Lake Forest 6**

Libertyville concluded its first unbeaten season since 1998 with a 48-6 drubbing of Lake Forest in the final game of the regular season.

Libertyville outgained Lake Forest nearly 5-to-1 in the first half as Panico (8 carries, 119 yards) and Kevin Fontana (2 rushing TDs) led the Cats ground game and Chris Jansen completed 9-of-11 passes for 130 yards and 2 TDs to lead the passing attack.

GAME 10

**Libertyville 28, Antioch 21 (1st round, Class 7A playoffs)**

In a rematch of two weeks before, the Sequoits played a much tougher game this time around, staying within a touchdown throughout most of the game. Antioch actually had a chance to tie the game in the last two minutes of the game, until a Jeff Fontana sack and fumble recovery ended the game.

GAME 11

**Libertyville 21, Woodstock 7 (2nd round, Class 7A playoffs)**

The defense came up big again for Libertyville, holding Woodstock scoreless in the first half. Cornerback Brennan Matthews, subbing for an injured Kenny Klassman, led the team with 11 tackles while linebacker Adam Bishop added eight. Raphael Kaplan and Ryne Gavigan each added a sack for the Cats. Kevin Fontana (2 TD runs) and Chris Jansen (TD run) accounted for Libertyville's offense.

GAME 12

**Libertyville 41, McHenry 27 (Class 7A quarterfinals)**

While the first matchup between these two teams in the second week of the season provided all of the drama that a double-overtime game entails, this time around Libertyville won in convincing fashion over McHenry, 41-27.

Kevin Fontana racked up 150 yards of total offense—in the first half, and Santino Panico scored four TDs, including a 19-yard TD catch from John Haas on a halfback option.

GAME 13

**Libertyville 27, Prospect 0 (Class 7A semifinals)**

Libertyville defense came up big once again, shutting out two-time defending state champion Prospect. And Panico got the offense going early, returning the opening kickoff 66 yards to set up a 14-yard TD run from John Haas on the ensuing play from scrimmage.

Kevin Fontana (94 yards rushing) accounted for the rest of the Cats' offense, scoring three touchdowns. The win gave Libertyville the school record for wins in a season and gave the team its first spot in the state title game.

GAME 14

**Oswego 28, Libertyville 21, 2OT (Class 7A title game)**

The state title game figured to be a shootout between two high-powered offenses, though it turned out to be anything but, at least through the first three quarters as Oswego held just a 7-6 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The game went down to the final seconds as Ryne Gavigan had a chance to win the state title for the Cats with a last-second field goal. However, his 39-yard attempt sailed wide right and Libertyville went on to lose the game in double overtime.

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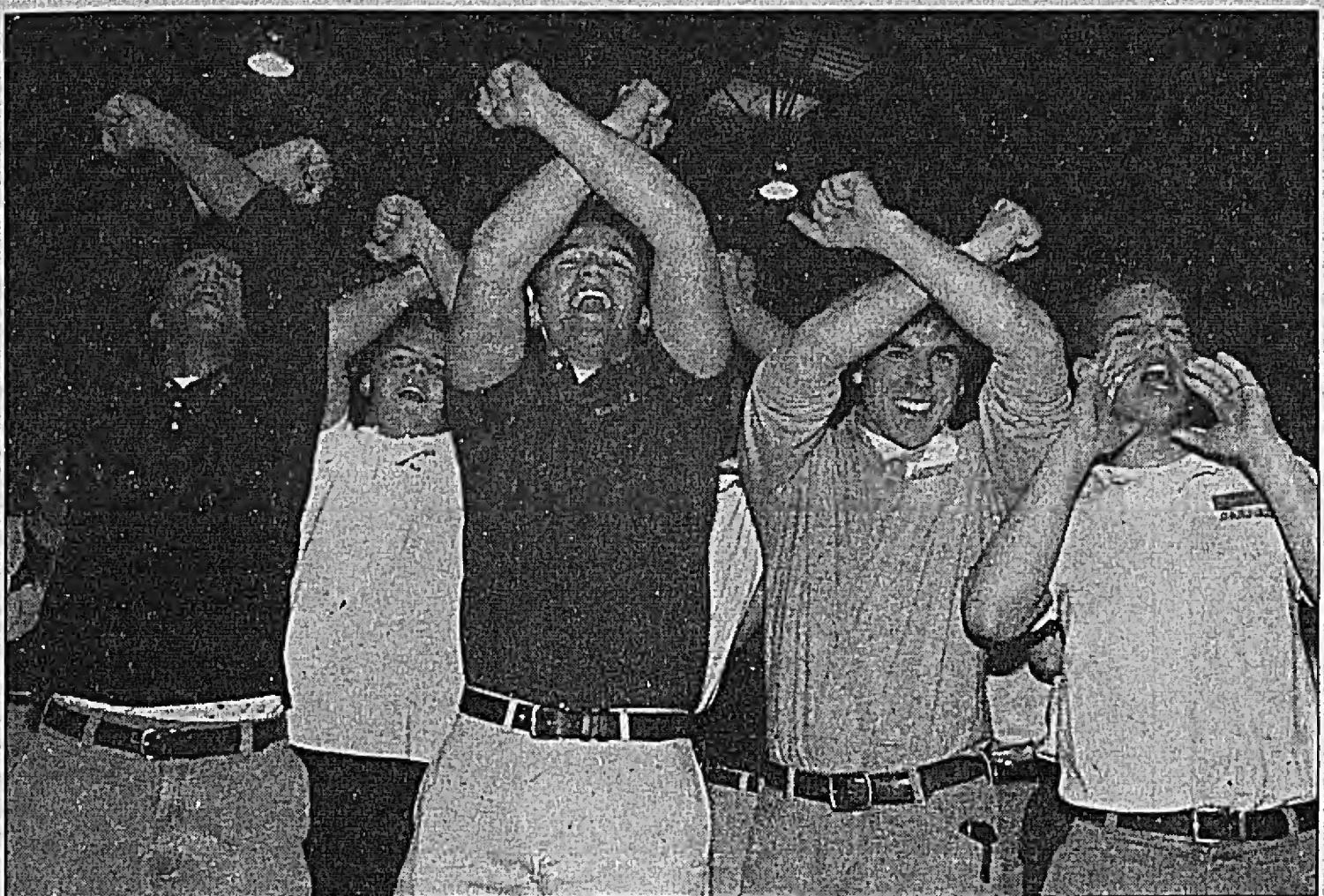
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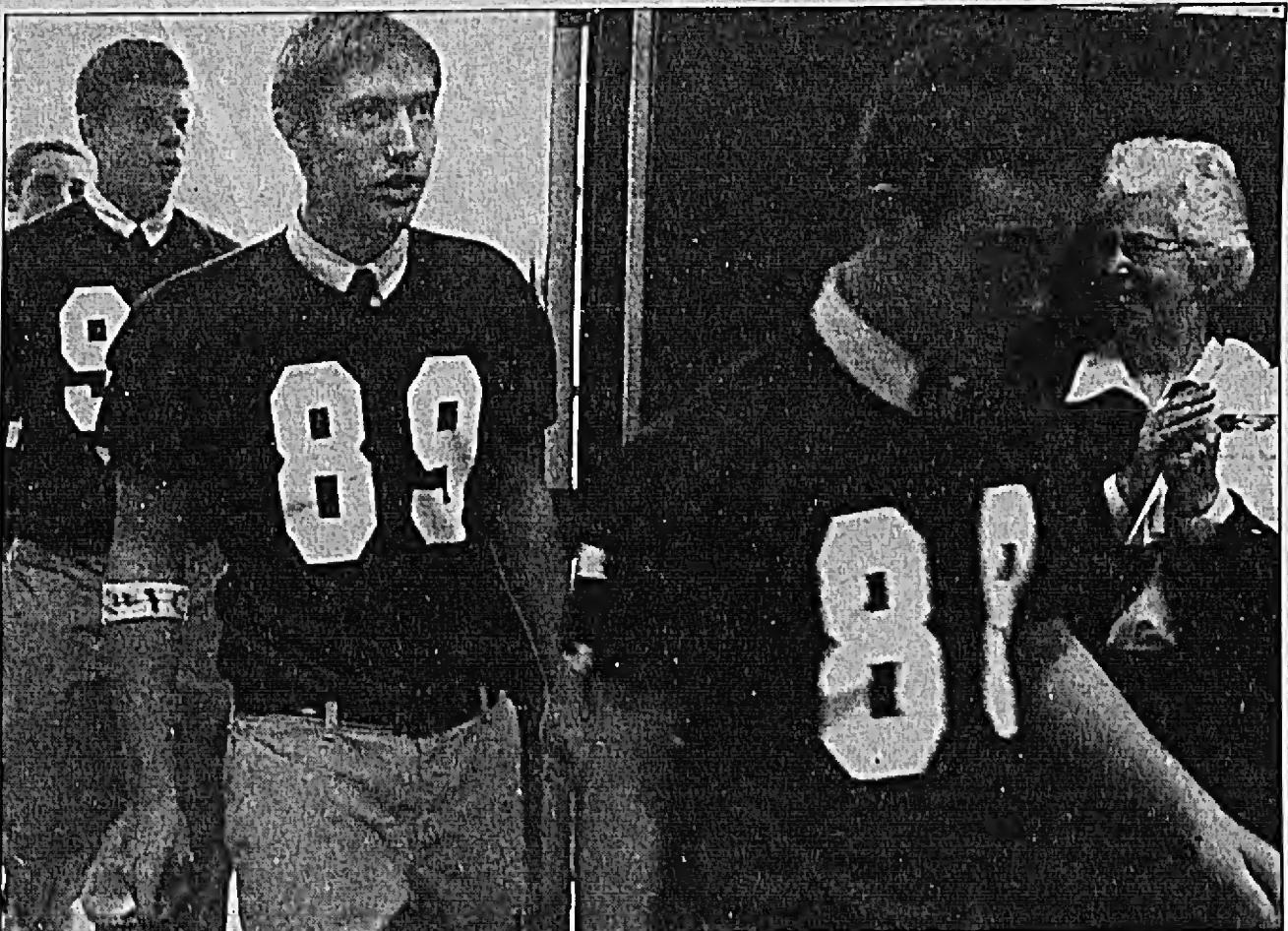
Top left—Carmel High School students Chris Londono, Kyle Berger, Brandon Ziemann, Stephen Stanchuk and Pat Mitchell, who regularly have the letters CARMEL written on their bare stomachs during football games, cheer on the school's state championship team during a pep rally at the Mundelein school. Bottom—members of the Carmel High School football team enter the school's gymnasium to cheers and applause. Below—Running back Mike Serio, center, smiles as he receives accolades for making a state record-breaking kick-off return in the state championship game in Champaign.—Photos by Sandy Bressner

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# Libertyville welcomes back the team



Members of the Libertyville Wildcats football team parade through town to celebrate their trip to the state finals in Champaign.



Wildcats fans greet their team at a pep rally held to celebrate the team's 2003 accomplishments.



Members of the Libertyville Wildcats football team and cheerleading squad parade through town.



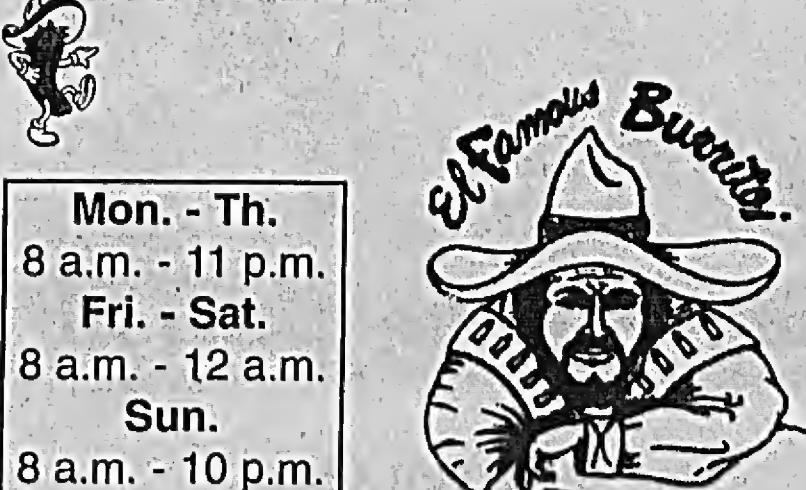
Wildcat head coach Randy Kuceyeski speaks about his team's winning season during the final football pep rally.—All photos by J.W. Sternickle

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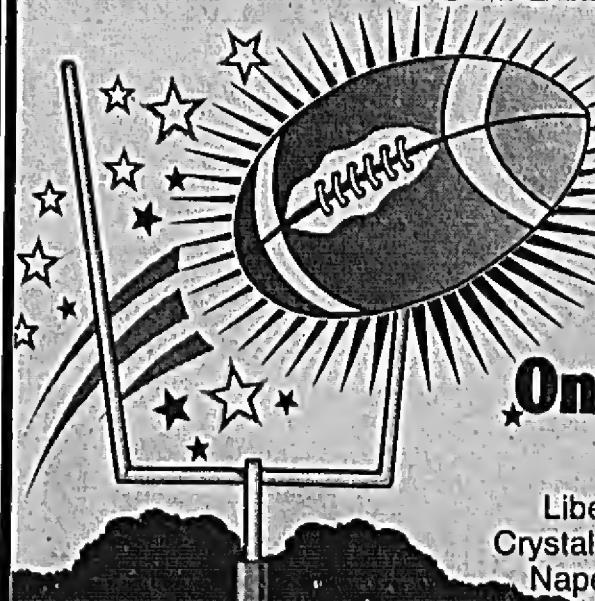
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## CORSAIRS 2003 VARSITY ROSTER

| No. | Name             | Pos.   | Ht.  | Wt. | Age | Yr. | No. | Name             | Pos.  | Ht.  | Wt. | Age | Yr. |
|-----|------------------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1   | John Brennan     | QB     | 5-6  | 140 | 14  | Fr. | 50  | Dan McElwee      | OL    | 5-9  | 210 | 15  | So. |
| 5   | Tom Kloss        | DB     | 6-3  | 164 | 17  | Sr. | 51  | Damion Ellis     | LB    | 5-11 | 190 | 14  | Fr. |
| 7   | Mark Venegoni    | QB     | 6-2  | 205 | 18  | Sr. | 52  | Joey Parisi      | DL    | 6-0  | 190 | 17  | Sr. |
| 8   | John Solan       | QB     | 6-1  | 180 | 16  | Jr. | 53  | Billy Maloney    | LB    | 6-1  | 190 | 18  | Sr. |
| 9   | Matt DeSpain     | DB     | 5-11 | 165 | 17  | Sr. | 54  | Jeremy Henson    | LB    | 6-1  | 190 | 17  | Sr. |
| 12  | Peter Nozicka    | DB     | 5-8  | 161 | 16  | Jr. | 55  | Jaran Rutledge   | DE    | 6-2  | 210 | 17  | Sr. |
| 13  | Tyler Ankney     | QB     | 5-9  | 165 | 15  | So. | 59  | Luke Krombach    | OG    | 6-4  | 255 | 17  | Sr. |
| 14  | John Petrocelli  | RB     | 5-4  | 120 | 15  | So. | 60  | Gerry Goshgarian | NG    | 5-9  | 165 | 16  | Jr. |
| 20  | James Looby      | DB     | 5-10 | 155 | 17  | Sr. | 61  | Joe Novak        | OL    | 6-3  | 245 | 15  | So. |
| 21  | Jim Magna        | LB     | 6-1  | 175 | 17  | Sr. | 63  | Thomas Deibler   | OT    | 5-9  | 185 | 16  | Jr. |
| 22  | Steve Hironimus  | RB     | 5-10 | 160 | 16  | Jr. | 64  | Alex Schuster    | OT    | 5-11 | 227 | 16  | Jr. |
| 23  | Jim Potempa      | RB     | 5-8  | 150 | 14  | Fr. | 65  | Jack Lawlor      | NG    | 5-10 | 260 | 17  | Sr. |
| 24  | Dan Hauser       | DB     | 5-11 | 145 | 16  | Jr. | 66  | Jim Clinton      | OG    | 6-3  | 200 | 16  | Jr. |
| 25  | Mike Serio       | RB     | 5-9  | 180 | 17  | So. | 67  | Paul Lyons       | OT    | 6-1  | 210 | 16  | Jr. |
| 26  | Bill Malzow      | RB     | 6-1  | 170 | 16  | Jr. | 68  | Dan Kipp         | LB    | 5-9  | 150 | 15  | So. |
| 26  | Mitch Miranda    | LB     | 5-11 | 175 | 15  | So. | 68  | Kevin Ryan       | OG    | 5-9  | 183 | 16  | Jr. |
| 27  | Peter Lynch      | DB     | 5-11 | 170 | 16  | Jr. | 69  | Drew Calro-Gross | OG    | 6-3  | 295 | 17  | Sr. |
| 27  | Rob McKay        | LB     | 5-9  | 180 | 15  | So. | 72  | Bud Sievert      | C     | 6-0  | 225 | 15  | So. |
| 28  | Kevin Dolan      | LB     | 5-10 | 140 | 15  | So. | 72  | Jordan Walton    | DE    | 6-2  | 205 | 18  | Sr. |
| 29  | Sean McCreary    | DB     | 5-8  | 140 | 15  | So. | 73  | Luis Cuevas      | DE    | 5-11 | 180 | 16  | Jr. |
| 30  | Kevin Devitt     | DB     | 5-8  | 146 | 16  | Jr. | 74  | Vince Masse      | DE    | 6-0  | 176 | 17  | Sr. |
| 30  | Cory Williams    | DB     | 5-6  | 127 | 15  | So. | 75  | Jerry Root       | OL    | 5-10 | 155 | 15  | So. |
| 31  | Darren Davis     | RB     | 6-0  | 200 | 16  | Jr. | 76  | Jon Krizman      | OG    | 6-2  | 240 | 14  | Fr. |
| 32  | Anthony Powers   | RB     | 5-7  | 153 | 16  | Jr. | 76  | Joe Rejc         | OT    | 5-11 | 185 | 16  | Jr. |
| 33  | Sean Murmane     | DE     | 6-1  | 225 | 15  | So. | 77  | Eddie Adamski    | C     | 6-3  | 215 | 16  | Jr. |
| 34  | Brendan Cerney   | DB     | 5-6  | 135 | 16  | Jr. | 79  | Dan Osterhout    | OT    | 6-2  | 280 | 17  | Sr. |
| 35  | Chris Miller     | TE/P/K | 6-3  | 190 | 17  | Sr. | 80  | Jason Kwasigroch | WR/DB | 6-3  | 190 | 17  | Sr. |
| 36  | Nick Quillen     | LB     | 5-10 | 175 | 14  | Fr. | 81  | Nick Rill        | WR    | 6-1  | 152 | 16  | Jr. |
| 37  | Ryan Coli        | DB     | 5-9  | 145 | 16  | Jr. | 82  | Steve Jeka       | WR    | 6-1  | 155 | 15  | So. |
| 38  | Joe Scully       | DB     | 5-8  | 150 | 15  | So. | 83  | Will Mullen      | TE    | 6-4  | 190 | 16  | Jr. |
| 39  | Patrick Kimener  | LB/DB  | 5-11 | 175 | 17  | Sr. | 84  | John Coffey      | TE    | 6-0  | 162 | 16  | Jr. |
| 40  | Michael Berrones | RB     | 5-7  | 135 | 16  | Jr. | 85  | Jack Simmons     | WR/DB | 6-6  | 215 | 17  | Sr. |
| 41  | Jon Popovitch    | FB     | 5-9  | 180 | 17  | Sr. | 86  | Nate Boston      | TE    | 5-11 | 185 | 18  | Sr. |
| 42  | James Larson     | LB     | 6-2  | 215 | 18  | Sr. | 87  | Kevin Cook       | K/P   | 6-2  | 175 | 15  | So. |
| 42  | Jordan Snitjer   | DB     | 5-2  | 115 | 15  | So. | 88  | Mike Morrissey   | DB    | 5-11 | 150 | 15  | So. |
| 43  | Colin Simmons    | LB     | 6-0  | 200 | 15  | So. | 89  | Peter Baker      | LB    | 6-1  | 190 | 15  | So. |
| 45  | Grant Uhler      | LB     | 5-11 | 164 | 17  | Sr. | 89  | Mark Erskine     | TE    | 6-0  | 158 | 16  | Jr. |
| 46  | Adam Hall        | DB     | 5-8  | 130 | 15  | So. | 90  | Brian Psak       | NG    | 5-11 | 246 | 18  | Sr. |
| 47  | Phil Adrien      | DB     | 5-6  | 150 | 15  | So. | 93  | Patrick Love     | TE    | 6-2  | 150 | 15  | So. |
| 48  | John Baillargeon | LB     | 5-10 | 168 | 16  | Jr. | 94  | Louis Cairo      | WR    | 5-9  | 145 | 15  | So. |
| 49  | John Zegar       | FB     | 5-9  | 170 | 15  | So. | 95  | Chris Kozlak     | WR    | 5-10 | 130 | 15  | So. |
| 50  | Peter Hiss       | DE     | 5-11 | 210 | 18  | Sr. | 99  | Sean McGrath     | TE    | 6-1  | 150 | 15  | So. |

## Carmel by the numbers

## Won-loss record through the years

| Year | WLT | Coach          |
|------|-----|----------------|
| 65   | 5-2 | Angelo Dabiero |
| 66   | 7-2 | Angelo Dabiero |
| 67   | 6-3 | Angelo Dabiero |

Dabiero—18-7, 720

| Year | WLT | Coach      |
|------|-----|------------|
| 68   | 1-8 | Bill Bodle |

Bodle—1-8, 111

| Year | WLT   | Coach        |
|------|-------|--------------|
| 69   | 0-8-1 | Angelo Barro |
| 70   | 3-6   | Angelo Barro |

Barro—3-14-1, 194

| Year | WLT | Coach         |
|------|-----|---------------|
| 71   | 3-6 | Bruce Baszali |

Baszali—3-6, 333

| Year | WLT | Coach        |
|------|-----|--------------|
| 72   | 6-3 | Jake Ciccone |
| 73   | 4-5 | Jake Ciccone |

Ciccone—10-8, 556

| Year | WLT | Coach      |
|------|-----|------------|
| 74   | 0-9 | Joe McPhie |
| 75   | 1-8 | Joe McPhie |

McPhie—10-44, 185

| Year | WLT | Coach          |
|------|-----|----------------|
| 80   | 4-5 | Jerry Jacobsen |
| 81   | 4-5 | Jim Rejc       |

Jacobsen—4-5, 444

| Year | WLT | Coach    |
|------|-----|----------|
| 82   | 2-7 | Jim Rejc |
| 83   | 3-6 | Jim Rejc |

Rejc—15-30, 333

Bitto—55-19

Statistics courtesy of IHSA

## Selected 2003 team records

## Wins

14

## Points scored, season

600

## Rushing yards, season

4,074

## WILDCATS 2003 VARSITY ROSTER

| No. | Name               | Pos.  | Ht.  | Wt. | Age | Yr. | No. | Name                 | Pos.  | Ht.  | Wt. | Age | Yr. |
|-----|--------------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Ryan Smith         | WR    | 5-11 | 170 | 18  | Sr. | 44  | Tim Carlson          | DL    | 6-0  | 160 | 17  | Jr. |
| 2   | Kenny Klassman     | DB    | 5-8  | 155 | 18  | Sr. | 46  | Adam Bishop          | LB    | 6-0  | 210 | 18  | Sr. |
| 3   | Chris Jansen       | QB    | 6-5  | 205 | 17  | Sr. | 47  | Andrew Carman        | LB    | 5-9  | 165 | 16  | Jr. |
| 4   | Brett Lancaster    | TE/QB | 6-2  | 200 | 16  | Jr. | 48  | Matt Arcaro          | LB    | 5-11 | 188 | 18  | Sr. |
| 5   | Jeff Johnson       | LB    | 5-11 | 190 | 17  | Sr. | 50  | Bobby Covek          | DL    | 5-11 | 185 | 16  | Jr. |
| 7   | John Kuceyeski     | LB    | 5-9  | 170 | 16  | Jr. | 51  | Greg Dugan           | C     | 6-2  | 250 | 18  | Sr. |
| 8   | Tommy Pierce       | WR    | 5-11 | 165 | 18  | Sr. | 52  | Russell Hall         | OL    | 5-9  | 170 | 18  | Sr. |
| 9   | Santino Panico     | RB/DB | 6-1  | 185 | 18  | Sr. | 53  | Simon Bortz          | DL    | 6-0  | 165 | 16  | Jr. |
| 10  | Dave Borkoski      | QB    | 5-9  | 150 | 15  | So. | 54  | Dave Moosman         | OL    | 6-5  | 265 | 16  | Jr. |
| 11  | Craig Birch        | DL    | 6-0  | 185 | 16  | So. | 55  | Chris Davis          | OL    | 6-3  | 240 | 18  | Sr. |
| 12  | Brennan Matthews   | DB    | 1-65 | 165 | 17  | Sr. | 56  | Pat Engle            | OL    | 5-10 | 205 | 17  | Jr. |
| 13  | Raphael Kaplan     | DL    | 6-2  | 200 | 17  | Sr. | 57  | Nicholas Szkodyn     | LB    | 6-1  | 205 | 16  | Jr. |
| 14  | Eric Baler         | QB    | 5-9  | 145 | 16  | So. | 58  | Greg Larsen          | DL/OL | 6-0  | 220 | 16  | Jr. |
| 15  | Matt Hogan         | WR    | 6-2  | 175 | 16  | So. | 60  | Curt Pritchard       | OL    | 5-11 | 194 | 15  | So. |
| 16  | Anthony Spinabella | DT    | 5-10 | 230 | 16  | So. | 61  | Brian Laspisa        | C     | 6-0  | 190 | 16  | Jr. |
| 17  | Matt Norcia        | LB    | 5-10 | 190 | 17  | Jr. | 62  | Andrew Mitchell      | OL    | 5-9  | 185 | 16  | Jr. |
| 18  | Lamar Lark         | WR    | 5-6  | 130 | 17  | Jr. | 63  | Sean Morgan          | DL    | 6-0  | 185 | 17  | Jr. |
| 19  | Jon Thomas         | WR    | 6-0  | 168 | 18  | Sr. | 64  | Alec Rahe            | DL    | 6-0  | 185 | 16  | Jr. |
| 20  | Justin Hansen      | RB    | 5-9  | 150 | 16  | So. | 65  | A.J. Loef            | DL    | 5-8  | 217 | 17  | Sr. |
| 21  | Ryne Gavigan       | DL/K  | 5-11 | 195 | 16  | Jr. | 66  | Jake LaFollette      | OL    | 6-0  | 220 | 17  | Sr. |
| 22  | John Haas          | RB    | 5-11 | 175 | 17  | Sr. | 67  | Jack Danilkowicz     | OL    | 6-1  | 230 | 15  | So. |
| 23  | Matthew O'Connor   | DB    | 5-9  | 155 | 16  | So. | 68  | Eric Pickell         | OL    | 6-4  | 265 | 16  | Jr. |
| 24  | David Romito       | DB    | 6-0  | 170 | 17  | Jr. | 70  | Jason Chambers       | OL    | 6-0  | 250 | 17  | Sr. |
| 25  | Kevin Burns        | DB    | 6-0  | 183 | 17  | Jr. | 71  | Chris Mohs           | OL    | 6-1  | 220 | 17  | Sr. |
| 26  | Tommy Sitz         | WR    | 5-10 | 167 | 16  | Jr. | 72  | Kyle Rhoades         | OL    | 6-0  | 200 | 16  | Jr. |
| 27  | Ryan Spaulding     | DB    | 5-10 | 150 | 17  | Sr. | 74  | Nick Kreitman        | OL    | 6-3  | 200 | 16  | Jr. |
| 28  | Nick Nikolic       | LB    | 5-10 | 155 | 15  | So. | 75  | Brad Kalk            | OL    | 5-10 | 250 | 16  | Jr. |
| 30  | Jason Derweller    | LB    | 5-7  | 150 | 18  | Sr. | 76  | Bill Saxeby          | OL    | 6-3  | 182 | 15  | So. |
| 31  | Kyle Bruett        | DB    | 5-7  | 155 | 18  | Sr. | 77  | Eric Pritchard       | DL    | 6-4  | 235 | 18  | Sr. |
| 32  | Jeff Fontana       | RB/DB | 6-0  | 180 | 16  | Jr. | 78  | Matt Carlin          | DL    | 6-2  | 275 | 16  | Jr. |
| 33  | Kevin Fontana      | RB/LB | 5-11 | 190 | 17  | Sr. | 80  | Kyle Johnson         | DE    | 6-2  | 200 | 16  | Jr. |
| 34  | Kyle Nader         | RB    | 5-11 | 175 | 16  | Jr. | 81  | M. Culberson-Fehling | TE    | 6-2  | 179 | 16  | So. |
| 35  | Kevin Foley        | DB    | 6-0  | 160 | 17  | Jr. | 82  | Doug Landgraf        | DL/K  | 6-2  | 207 | 18  | Sr. |
| 36  | Steven Revis       | DL    | 5-11 | 170 | 16  | Jr. | 83  | Brendon Smith        | OL    | 5-8  | 178 | 15  | So. |
| 37  | Eric Cusek         | RB    | 5-6  | 150 | 15  | So. | 84  | Carson Swan          | TE    | 6-2  | 187 | 17  | Jr. |
| 38  | And. Knollenberg   | DE    | 6-1  | 166 | 15  | So. | 85  | Ryan Laine           | DB    | 6-1  | 160 | So. |     |
| 40  | Kevin Koza         | RB    | 5-11 | 190 | 16  | So. | 86  | Christopher Sung     | DL    | 5-9  | 250 | Jr. |     |
| 41  | Nick Windmuller    | LB    | 5-6  | 182 | 16  | Jr. | 87  | Michael Covek        | DL    | 6-3  | 230 | So. |     |
| 42  | Ed Sindles         | DE    | 5-11 | 155 | 15  | So. | 88  | Jim Barber           | OL    | 6-0  | 175 | So. |     |

## MAGNIFICENT MILE

Libertyville  
by the numbersWin-loss record  
in recent years

| Year | WLT   | Coach           |
|------|-------|-----------------|
| 94   | 7-3   | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 95   | 6-4   | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 96   | 6-3   | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 97   | 8-3   | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 98   | 10-1  | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 99   | 6-4   | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 00   | 9-2   | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 01   | 6-4   | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 02   | 10-2  | Randy Kuceyeski |
| 03   | 13-1  | Randy Kuceyeski |
|      | 68-26 |                 |

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Game-by-game  
results

## Regular season

Libertyville 42, Lincoln-Way 20  
Libertyville 42, McHenry 35, 2OT  
Libertyville 28, Zion-Benton 0  
Libertyville 24, North Chicago 21  
Libertyville 37, Stevenson 30  
Libertyville 56, Mundelein 28  
Libertyville 42, Warren 28  
Libertyville 49, Antioch 31  
Libertyville 48, Lake Forest 6

## Class 7A playoffs

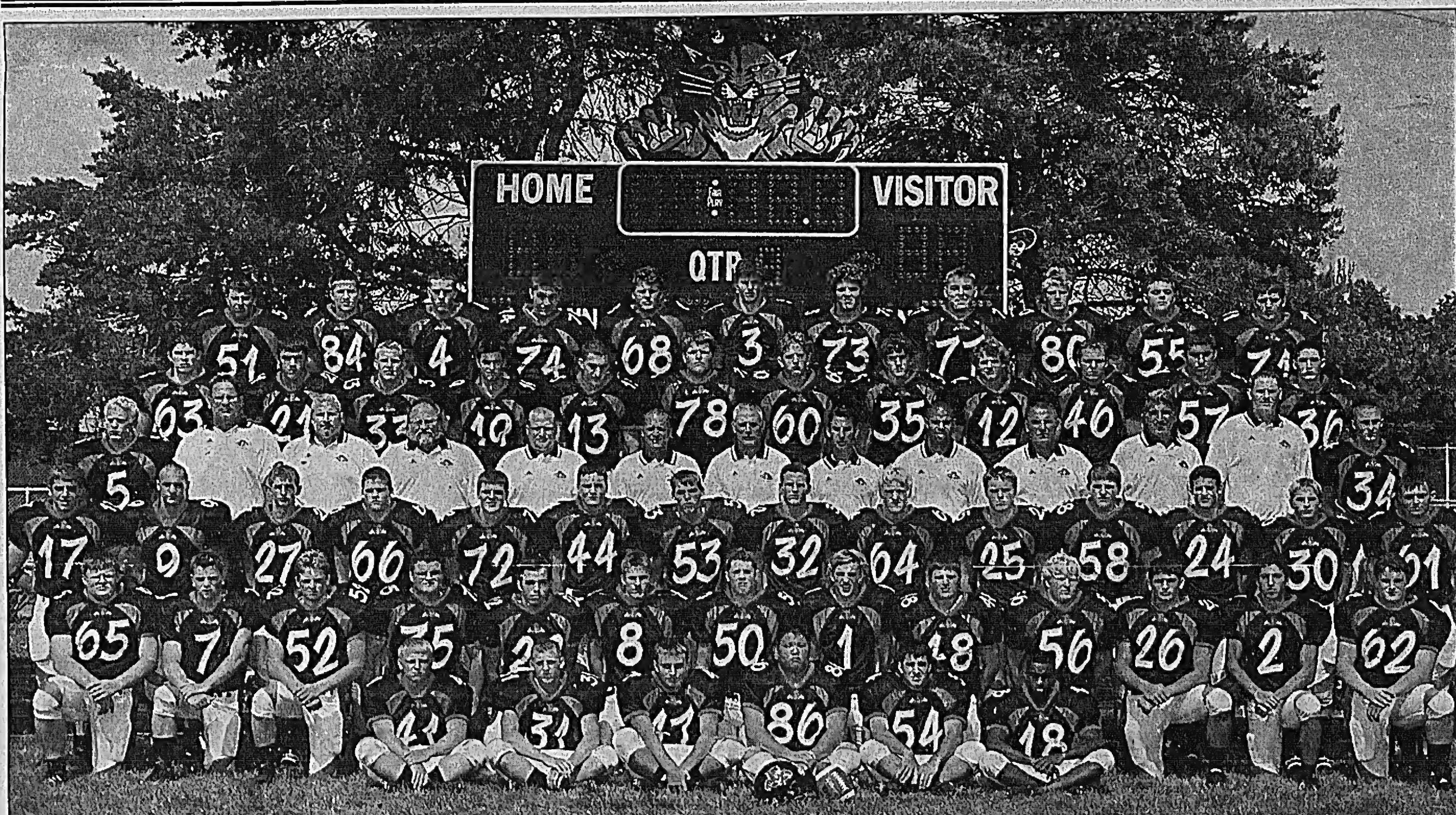
Round 1—Libertyville 28, Antioch 21  
Round 2—Libertyville 21, Woodstock 7  
Quarterfinals—Libertyville 41, McHenry 27  
Semifinals—Libertyville 27, Prospect 0  
Finals—Oswego 28, Libertyville 21, 2OT

## Team statistics

| Passing        | Att | Comp | Yds  | TD  | TD  |
|----------------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| Chris Jansen   | 185 | 104  | 1425 | 6   | 18  |
| Rushing        | Att | Yds  | TD   | Avg |     |
| Kevin Fontana  | 197 | 1399 | 21   | 7.1 |     |
| Santino Panico | 131 | 1263 | 19   | 9.6 |     |
| John Haas      | 125 | 557  | 9    | 4.5 |     |
| Chris Jansen   | 87  | 242  | 5    | 2.8 |     |
| Receiving      | Att | Yds  | TD   | Avg |     |
| Santino Panico | 31  | 481  | 4    | X   |     |
| John Haas      | 18  | 269  | 3    | X   |     |
| Kevin Fontana  | 17  | 197  | 0    | X   |     |
| Scoring        | TD  | PAT1 | PAT2 | FG  | Tot |
| Santino Panico | 23  | 0    | 2    | 0   | 142 |
| Kevin Fontana  | 21  | 0    | 3    | 0   | 132 |
| John Haas      | 12  | 0    | 1    | 0   | 74  |
| Ryne Gavigan   | 0   | 58   | 0    | 1   | 61  |

## Scoring by quarters

|              | Q1  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | Tot |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Libertyville | 119 | 172 | 112 | 95  | 506 |
| Opp.         | 41  | 64  | 21  | 155 | 281 |



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# Before they were heroes

*Libertyville's youth football program gives boost to Carmel, Libertyville*

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**T**hey had to start somewhere. Before they were integral parts of Carmel and Libertyville's championship-caliber teams, the players first played youth football. And Libertyville Boys Club, one of the leading youth football organizations in Lake County, was home to many of them.

The LBC has been in existence for over 60 years and has grown to over 600 kids, grades three through eight, playing on five travel teams and 22 in-house teams.

"We give local youths good football experience," said John Teichman, LBC commissioner, Lightweight travel head coach and assistant Libertyville freshman coach. "We teach them fundamentals so they can move on to the next level."

Libertyville's Santino Panico and Kevin and Jeff Fontana and Carmel's Jack Simmons are just some of the players from this year's high school teams that passed through the LBC.

"It was fun and it helped me tremendously," said Jeff Fontana, who played with the LBC for six years. "I got to learn everything; I played almost every position."

Santino Panico, who also played in the LBC for six years, goes further in crediting the program.

"I had a very positive experience," said Panico, who credited former youth coach and current Wauconda head coach Glen Kozlowski with much of his success. "Coach Kozlowski is the greatest coach I've ever had; he taught me so much. He helped me believe that I can excel in football."

Kozlowski, a former wide receiver for the Chicago Bears, is just one of the coaches that have come through the LBC with NFL experience.

Former Bears Jim Morrissey, Dave Duerson and Ron Rivera, former Bears Defensive Coordinator Vince Tobin and former Ram Dee Fields have all coached in the LBC at one time.

"It says a lot about the coaching in our program," Teichman said. "A lot of the coaches don't even have kids in the program."

There have also been children of current Bears in the program.

Davaris Daniels, son of Bears defensive end Philip Daniels, played running back for the in-house junior varsity Steelers and Bears offensive line coach Bob Wylie had two stepsons pass through the program.

Teichman was able to coach both Panico and Jeff Fontana when they were on the lightweight team.

"You could tell back then that they (Panico and Jeff Fontana) were great athletes," Teichman said. "They were leaders on and off the field. They both had great work ethics and busted their tails all the time."

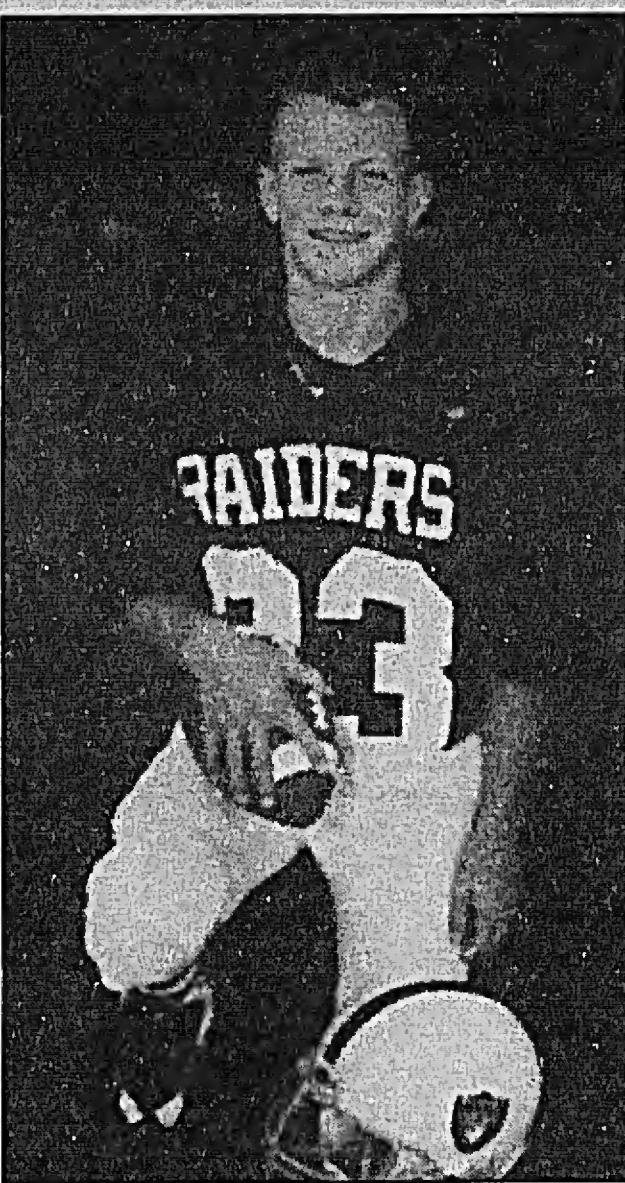
Panico also had the chance to play with Simmons, Kevin Fontana and teammate John Haas on the 8th grade heavyweight travel team.

"I was the smallest heavyweight on the team," Panico said. "Kevin and I had a real good relationship; we always did everything together. Haas was the same; he always made you smile. Simmons was quiet, but he was a great athlete; he could do anything. It was great playing with those guys."

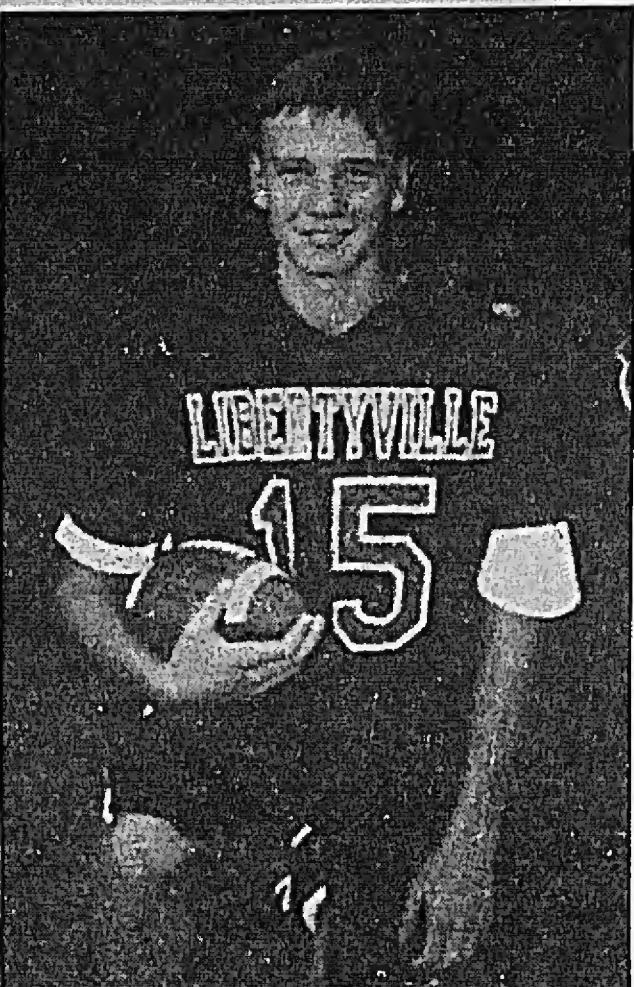
Simmons, who never lost a game while playing for the heavyweight team in 7th and 8th grade, also looks back fondly on those two seasons.

"I was the QB both seasons," Simmons said. "We had a pretty good backfield."

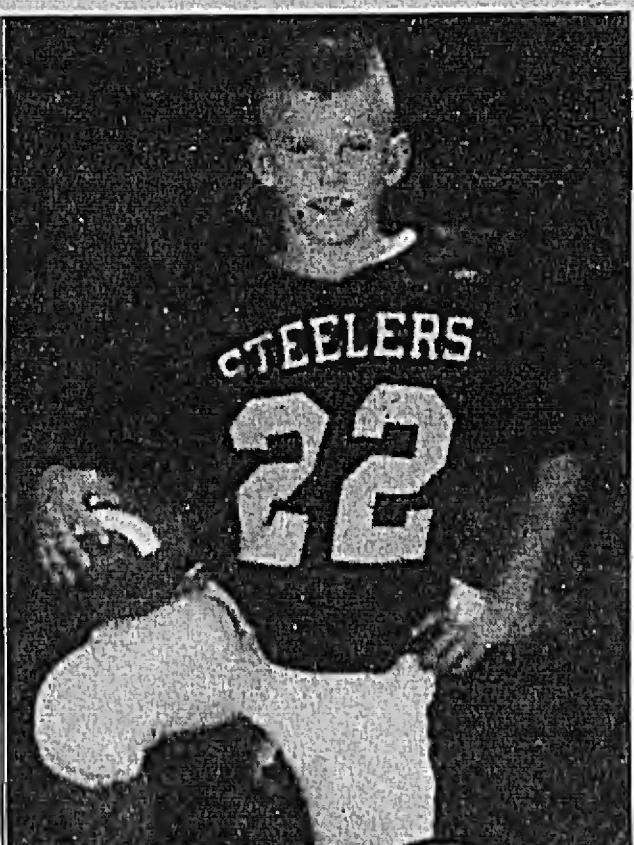
He also credits the organization with getting him started in football.



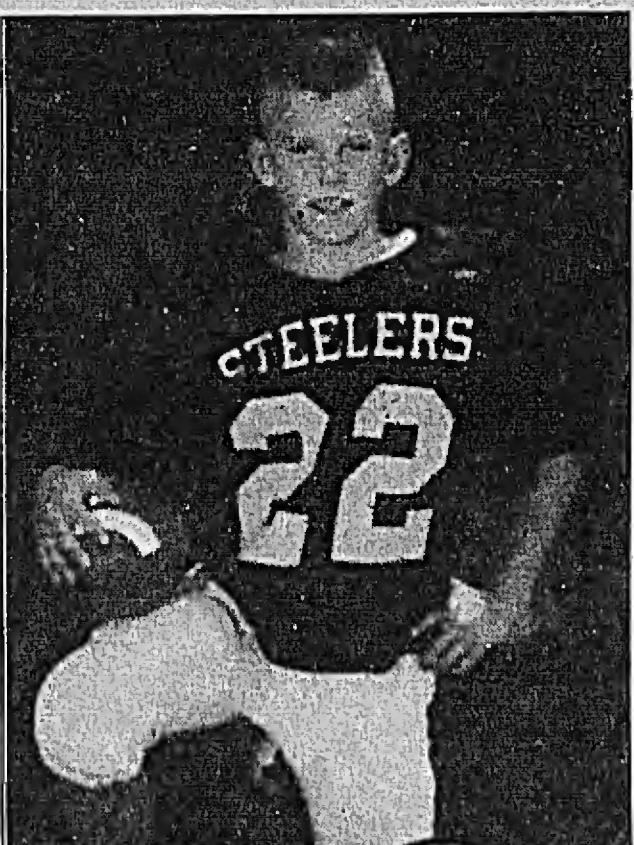
Top left—Libertyville's Kevin Fontana.



Top right—Carmel's Jack Simmons.



Bottom right—Libertyville's Jeff Fontana.



Bottom left—Libertyville's Santino Panico.

"I got a good foundation for football (from LBC)," Simmons said. "I might not have had the same passion and drive for the game if not for the league."

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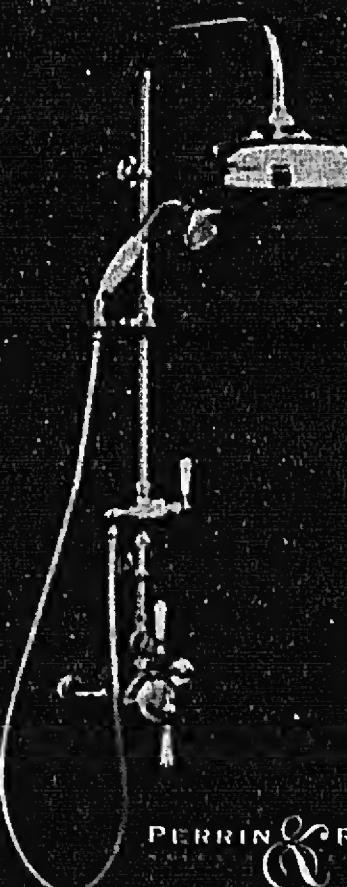
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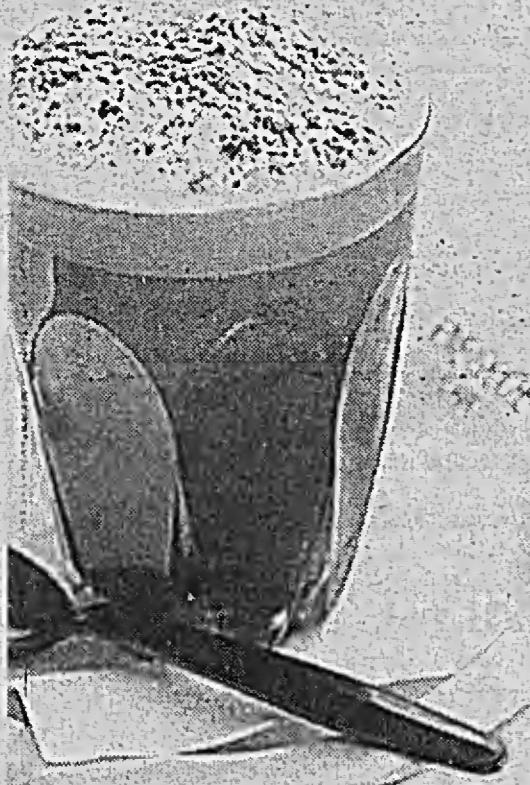
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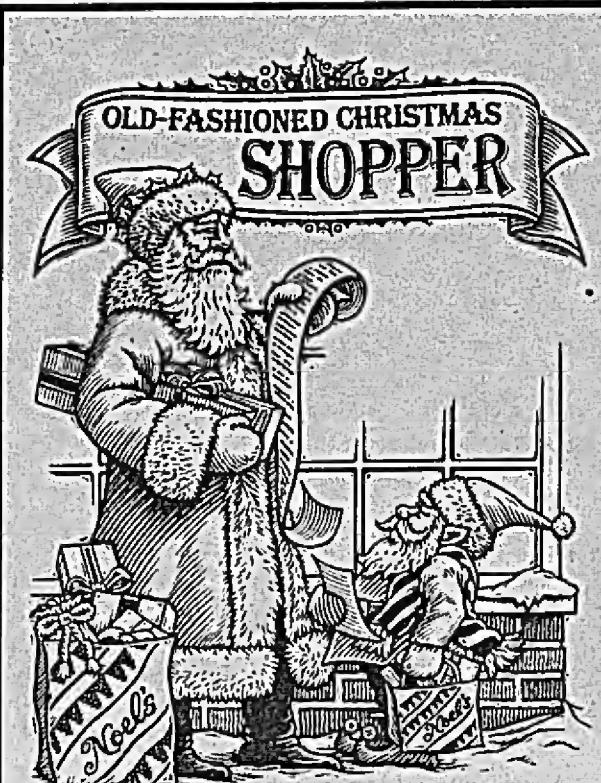
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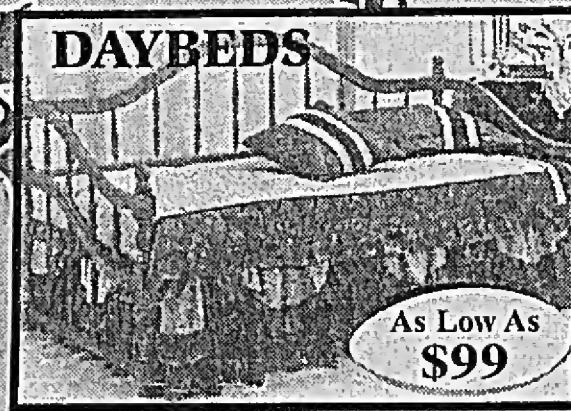
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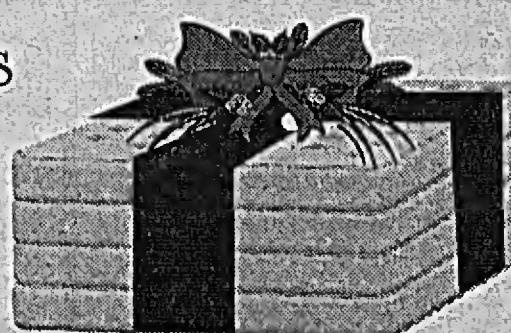
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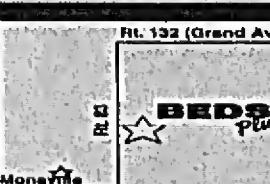


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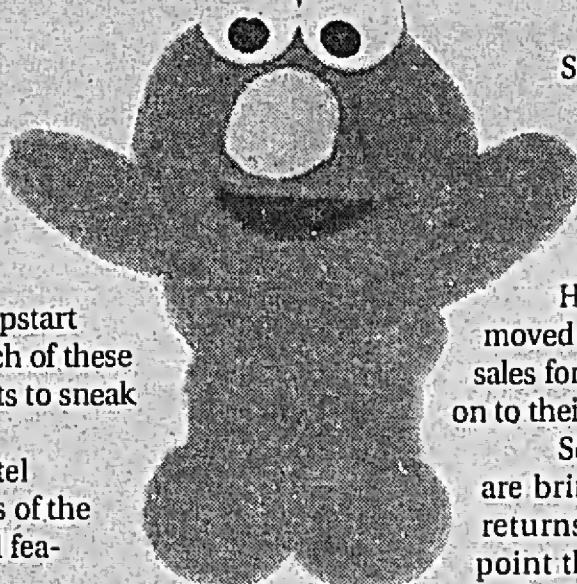
Some of the biggest sellers come from the younger child area, as the Leapstart Table, Turbo-Twist Math and Turbo Twist Spelling sit atop the selling list. Each of these items focus more making education fun, and offer an opportunity for parents to sneak some learning into their children's play-oriented lifestyle.

Barbie has taken on yet another new look for this holiday season as Mattel releases the Swan Lake: Barbie as Odette Doll. With several different varieties of the doll, Barbie has also expanded more into the technological world as this doll features her own movie this shopping season.

Another figure who has taken on different features of the past few years is Elmo. After the incredibly popular "Tickle-Me Elmo" was released several years ago, this year Elmo has learned the Hokey-Pokey and will be dancing his way into countless amounts of homes this winter under the name "Hokey-Pokey Elmo."

While the toys are good and fun for all the little ones this holiday, the big kids need presents too. That is where the video game industry has claimed their market. This holiday season 36 percent of Americans are expected to give or receive a video game according to the Digital Software Association.

For some of the younger video game enthusiasts, Nintendo has been able to claim some of the top selling games spinning off their Mario series of games. Super Mario Four for Game Boy Advanced along with Mario Kart Double Dash for Nintendo Gamecube are two of the most popular this season.



### Tickle-Me-Elmo is back

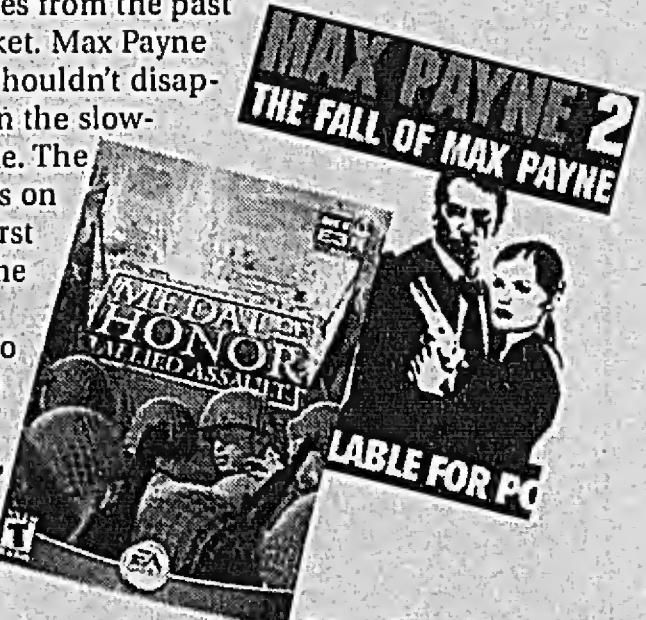
Some people urge for something a little more realistic, and most often, a little more violent. The first-person shooting games are expected, once again, to do great in sales as dozens of different types of shooting games hit the market this season.

Halo is already the highest selling game in the history of X-Box, but has moved over to the PC for the holiday rush. The game is expected to make fantastic sales for X-Box, but new vehicles and weapons in the PC version should help add on to their sales numbers.

Several other popular games from the past are bringing sequels to the market. Max Payne returns with Max Payne 2, and shouldn't disappoint those who got caught up in the slow-motion effects from the first game. The Medal of Honor series put players on the coast of Normandy with its first game, and this year is taking them around the world to Pearl Harbor for its second release.

The gift ideas never end at toys and video games as several new electronic items come to the stores like DVD camcorders. With so many new and returning items in the stores, finding that perfect gift shouldn't be too difficult of a task this holiday season.

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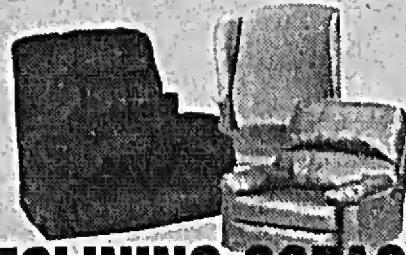


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Most people cannot imagine Christmas without poinsettias, evergreen garlands and vivid holiday blooms, or a New Year's party without an explosion of flowers to ring in the new year. Of course, of all the flowers on the market, the one most closely associated with Christmas is the poinsettia.

According to the Society of American Florists (SAF), poinsettias are native to Mexico, where they grow wild. The first American ambassador to Mexico, Joel Robert Poinsett, sent the first poinsettias home to South Carolina in 1825. Though red seems to be the color of choice for this popular plant, the poinsettia comes in a variety of color choices: colors like white, pink, peach, yellow, as well as speckled and marble varieties have expanded its uses as the perfect holiday gift for enhancing the home or office décor.

To keep your poinsettia looking the best it can be throughout the holiday season, SAF offers these tips:

- Keep it away from hot or cold drafts (the tops of televisions and radiators).

- Keep the soil moist but not soggy.
- Place the plant in a room with enough natural light.
- When selecting a poinsettia plant, choose one with small, tightly clustered buds in the center. Look for crisp, bright, undamaged foliage. Avoid choosing a plant that is displayed in a drafty area.

## Floral Decorating Ideas

- Greet guests at the door with a wreath holding a personal tree ornament for each of them to take home.
- Use fresh flowers on the tree in water vials. You also can use dried or treated flowers — they are just as beautiful.
- Place scented candles with fresh blossoms in each powder room.
- Place garland on the mantel with fresh flowers and candles scattered among the greenery to beautifully grace the room.
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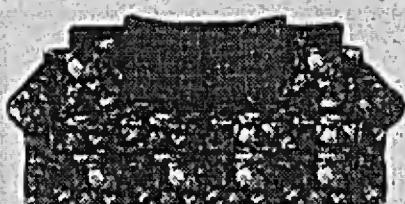
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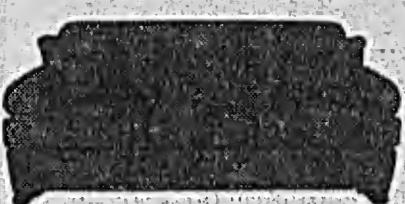
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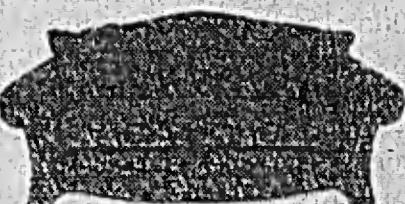
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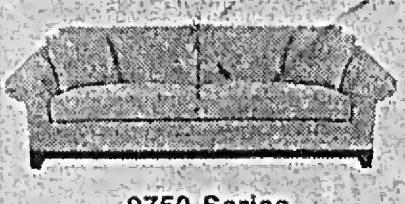
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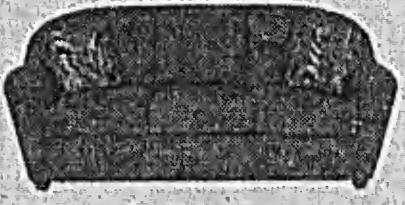
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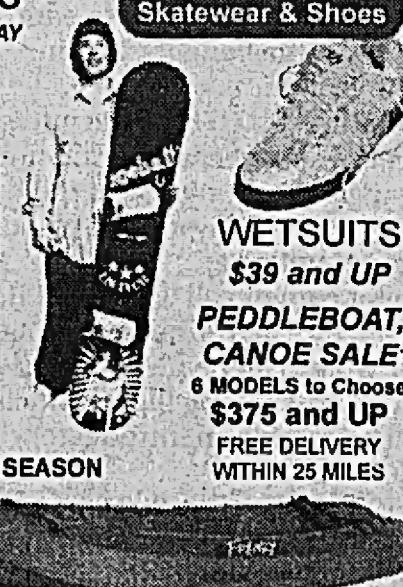
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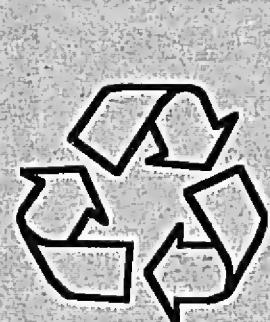
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- Make gifts. Everyone appreciates a home-cooked meal or baked goodies.
- Consider nonmaterial gifts. Tickets to a sporting event, movie, play, or concert are a real treat. Or make a charitable donation in someone's name.

- When you go shopping, bring your own reusable bags.
- Think durable. Consider how long an item will last before you make a purchase. Often, a cheaper item will wear out long before its more durable equivalent.
- And, always remember to look for items made with recycled content.

## No-Waste Gift-Wrapping Ideas

- Wrap the gift in a drawstring bag and use an inexpensive luggage tag for the gift tag.
- Decorate oversized gifts with just a bow that can be used again.
- Put toy animals in a cowboy hat and wrap a cowboy scarf around it.
- Use a jewelry box for some flea market "jewels."
- Use a knit hat to wrap a small gift. Close the hat with a barrette or a decorative hat pin.
- Games or toys for a child can go in a new backpack designed pillow case.
- For a person who is handy, wrap a gift in a tool box.
- Put blouses and other gifts in decorative hat boxes and tie with a hair ribbon.
- For the sewing enthusiast, wrap a gift in a fabric remnant and tie it with a piece of lace or ribbon.
- Any kitchen gift can be wrapped in a colorful dish towel. Kitchen utensils can pop out of an oven mitt.
- Place home-baked cookies in a reusable tin box, a kitchen container, or a decorated oatmeal box.
- Use a colorful tablecloth to wrap dishes or dining room gifts.
- For a reader, wrap a book in a reusable canvas shopping sack.
- Wrap tools for a gardener in the pocket of an apron, planter, or bucket.
- Hang earrings, bracelets, or necklaces right on the Christmas tree, or put them inside or around an open ornament.
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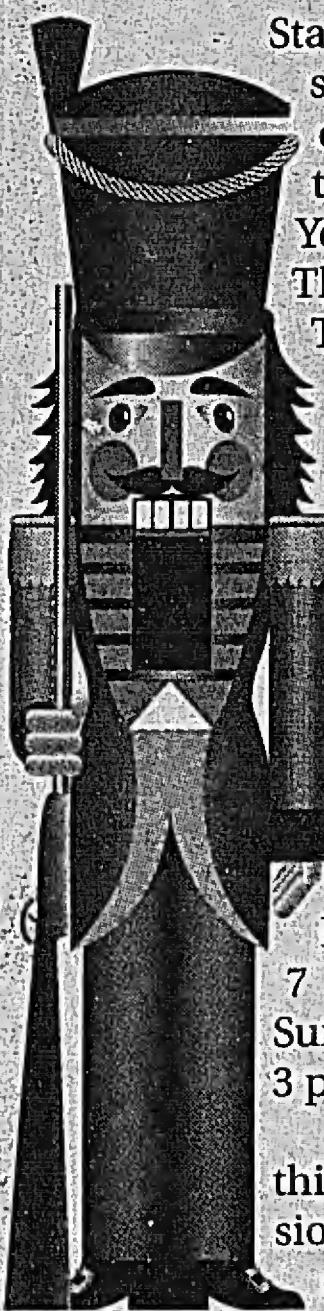


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You've just invited four friends round to dinner. It's six o'clock, there's half a baked potato in your fridge and you're still at work. What are you going to do?

• Make your shopping trip count, so when you get home, preparation time is minimal. Whenever I have to do a supermarket dash, I try to visualise the store and decide the route around the shop to correspond with the ingredients I need to buy.

• Simple, fresh ingredients pave the way to a good starter. A really ripe melon and some Parma Ham is always a winner (if you suddenly need a vegetarian option, remove the Parma Ham).

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• Plan a main course that is high in flavour and low on maintenance: a stir-fry or Thai chicken dish is ideal.

• Always do rice instead of potatoes because there's no preparation involved.

- Serve salad in place of vegetables.
- When it comes to puddings, one of the most delicious and hassle-free is affogato: vanilla ice cream with a shot of hot espresso coffee over the top. If you haven't got an espresso machine buy instant espresso coffee powder and make up as instructed.

• If you completely run out of time, a delicious cheeseboard served with nuts and fresh fruit is hard to beat. — by Amy Willcock

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Spray a large skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Heat over medium heat before adding chicken breasts. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until tender,\* turning to brown evenly. Remove from the skillet and keep warm.

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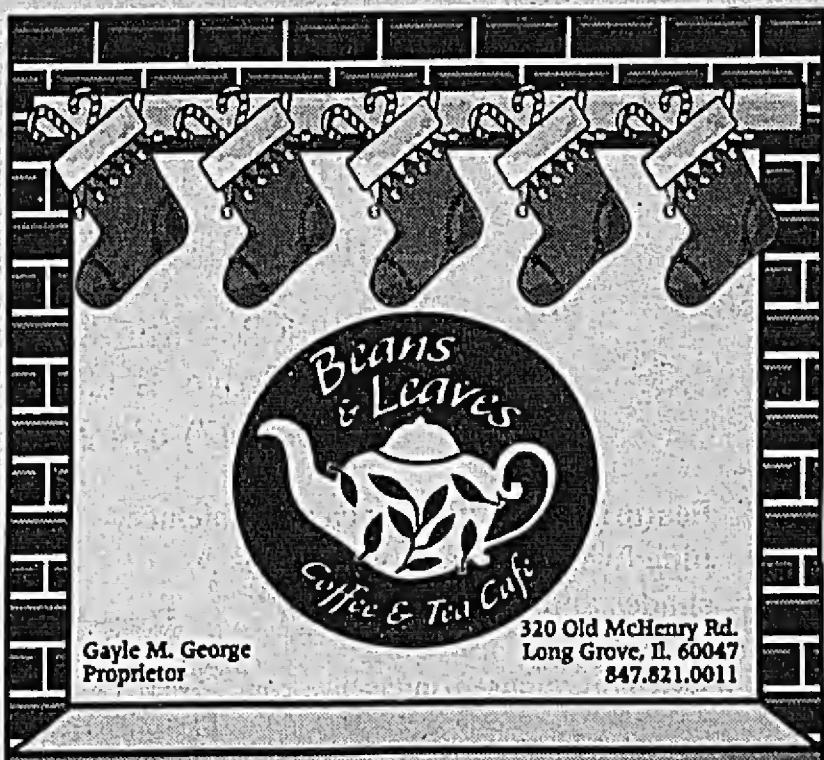
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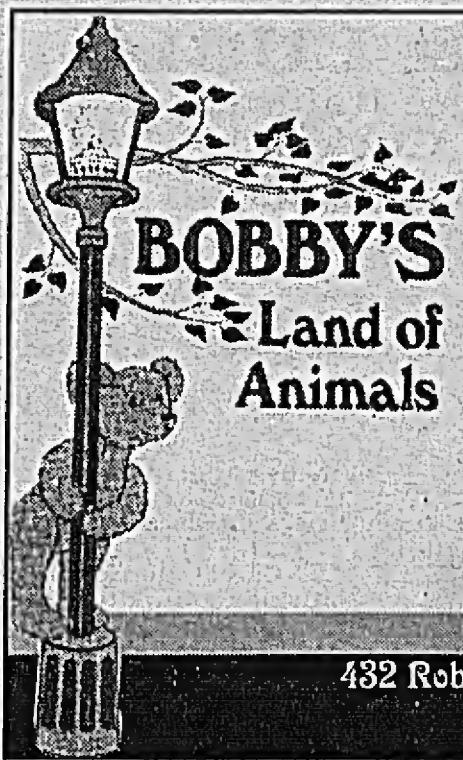
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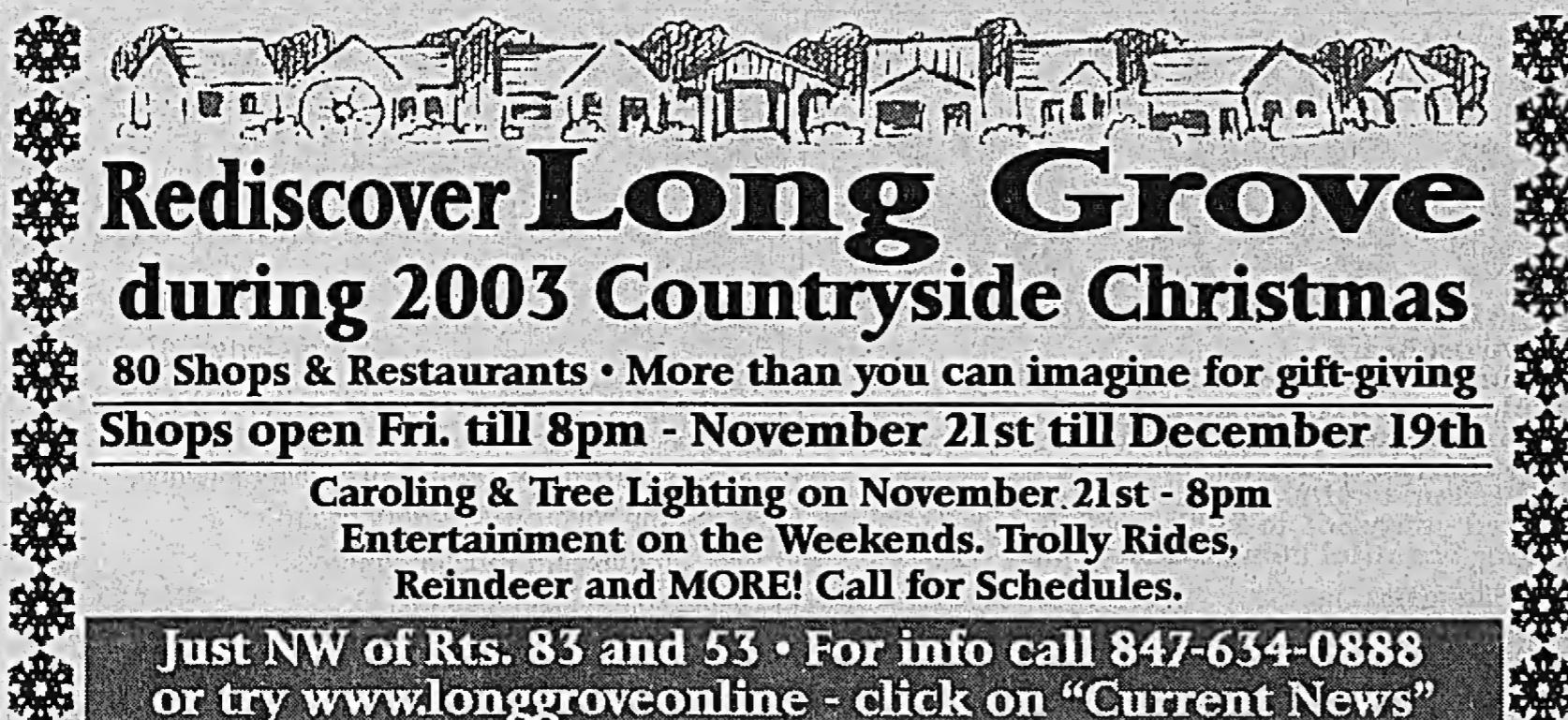
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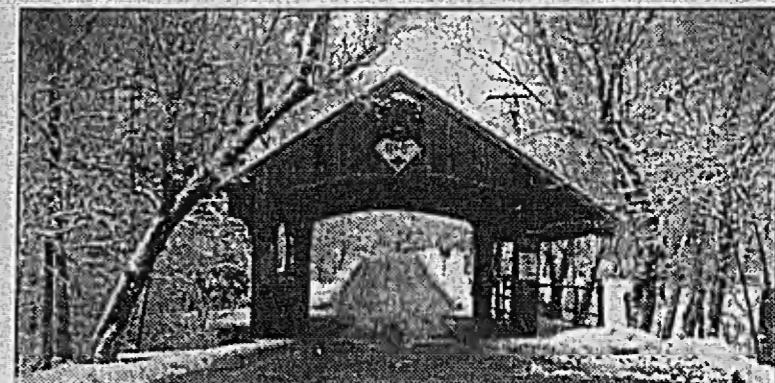


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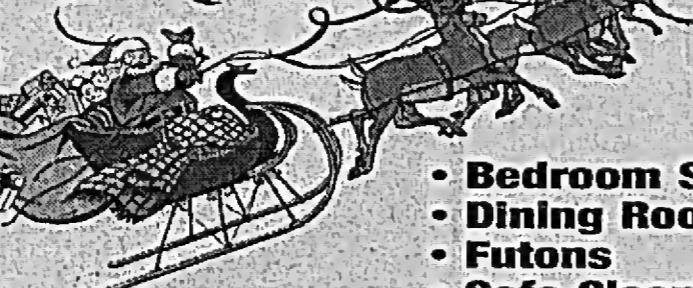
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Players march around the chairs.

When the music stops, everyone sits in a chair.

The player who doesn't have a chair is out.

Take away a chair.

Keep playing until one player (the winner) is left.



### Snowball Race

If there is snow outside, play this outside with real snowballs. If there is no snow, play inside with yarn balls.

Players line up against a wall. Each player is given a snowball on a spoon.

On a signal, players race to the "North Pole" (the opposite wall).

The first player to reach the North Pole without dropping their snowball is the winner.

### Christmas Carol Charades

One at a time, each player silently acts out the name of a Christmas song.

Everyone tries to guess the song.

The player who guesses the most songs wins.

### Candy Jar Guessing Game

Count and put wrapped chocolate balls or candy kisses into a big jar.

Players guess how many candies are in the jar, and write their guesses on slips of paper with their names.

The player with the guess that comes the closest gets to keep the candy!

### Pin the Nose on Rudolph

You will need a large picture of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and red paper noses for each player. Write each player's name on his or her nose.

Blindfold the players one at a time, spin them around, and have them pin (or tape) their nose to Rudolph.

The player whose nose comes the closest to Rudolph's nose wins.

### Rudolph Hokey Pokey

Play the Hokey Pokey, but use reindeer body parts: You put your red nose in, you put your red nose out, You put your red nose in, and you shake it all about, You do the Rudolph Pokey and you turn yourself around, That's what it's all about. Hey!

(continue with antlers, left hoof, right hoof, tail)

### Christmas Memory Game

Everybody sits in a circle.

The first player says, "In my Christmas stocking there is an ..." and says something that starts with an "A" like apple.

The second person then repeats what the first person said and adds something that begins with "B".

The third person must remember what the first people said and add a "C" item.

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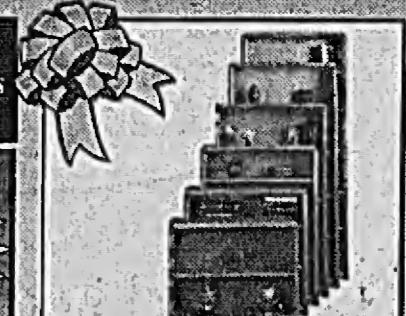


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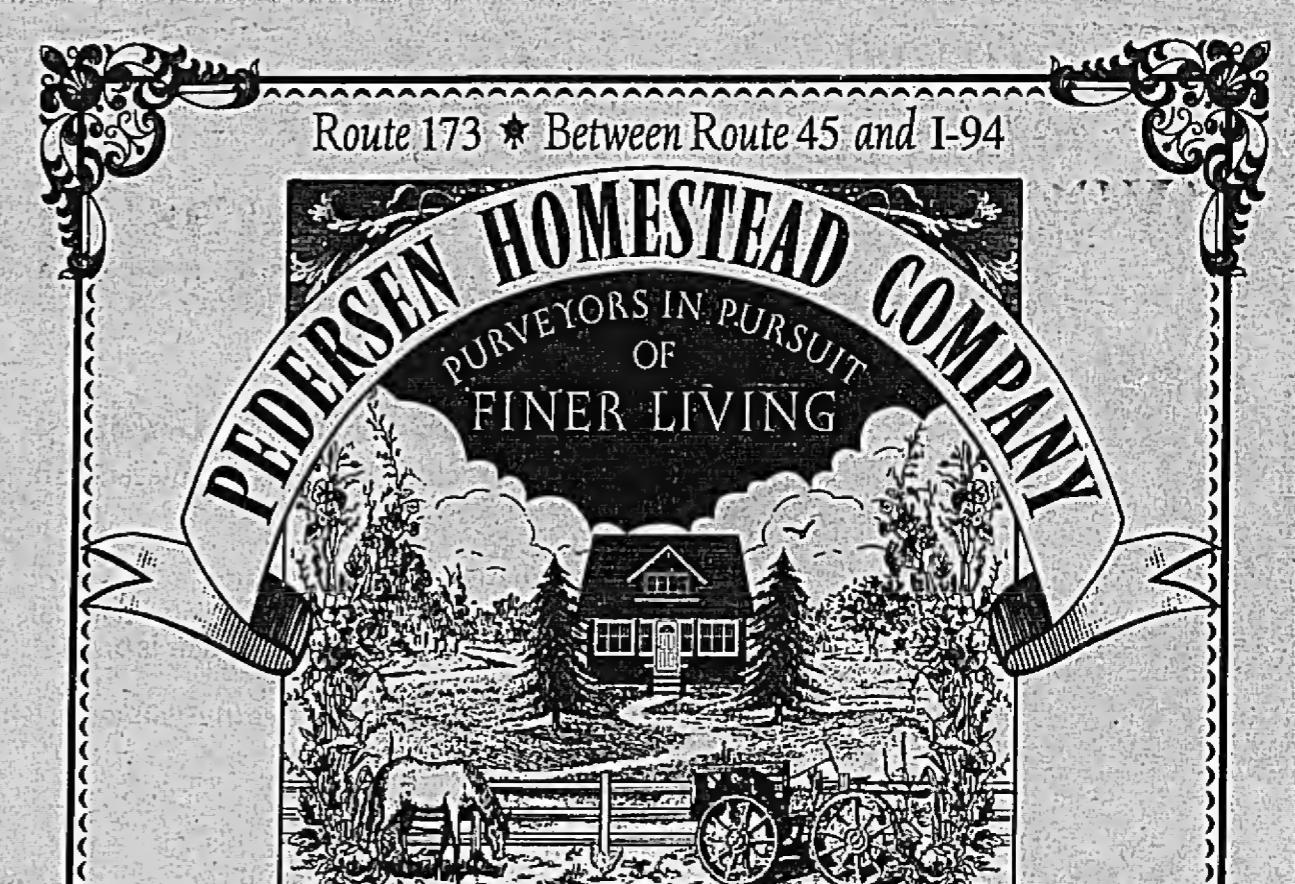
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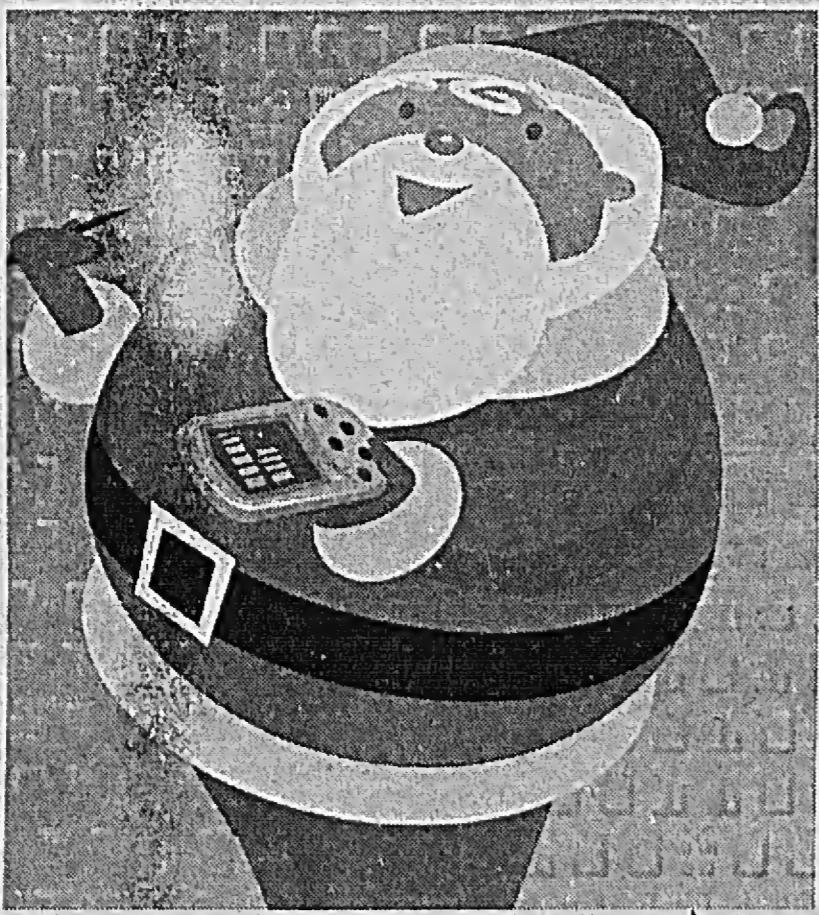
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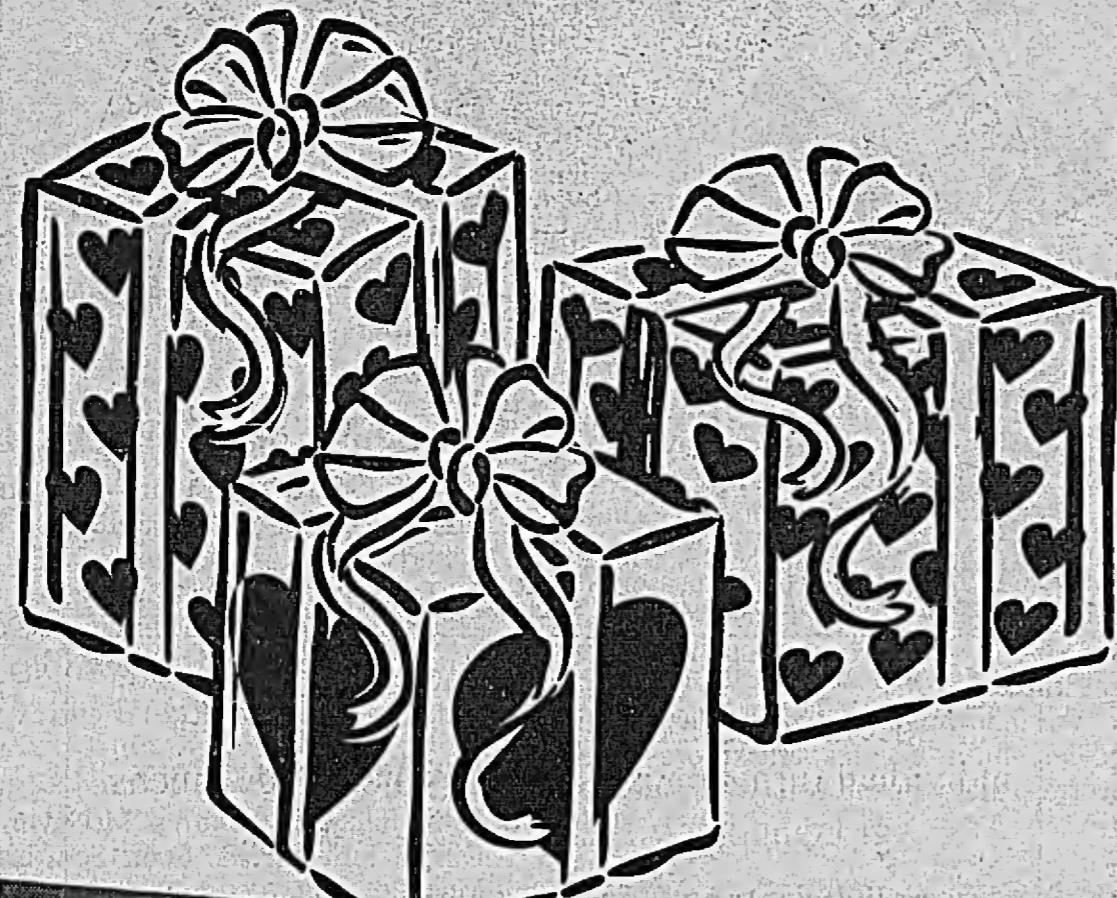
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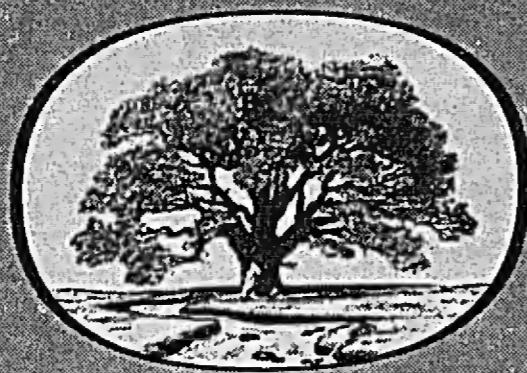
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Wonderful story of Stewart's character, who works hard all his life in a small town. He makes one major mistake and plans to suicide. Clarence, the guardian angel arrives to show Stewart that his life was indeed a valuable one and had contributed so much towards other people's happiness and success. It concludes on Christmas day. Delightful.

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### The Man in the Santa Suit

Fred Astaire, Gary Burghoff, John Byner, Bert Convy, Nanette Fabray, Harold Gould.

Fred Astaire plays seven different characters affecting the life of different people.

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### Miracle on 34th Street

Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edmund Gwenn, Gene Lockhart, Natalie Wood.

Gwenn, playing Kris Kringle works in Macy's who faces a child (Wood) who does not believe. He then goes to trial to prove he is Santa.

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### Scrooge

Albert Finney, Alec Guinness, Edith Evans, Kenneth More, Lawrence Naismith, Michael Medwin, David Collings.

Entertaining musical version of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". Finney is Scrooge and Guinness is Marley's ghost.

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### White Christmas

Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Vera-Ellen, Dean Jagger, Mary Wickes.

Kaye and Crosby play war-time buddies who sing, dance and fall in love with Vera-Ellen and Rosemary Clooney. Good soundtrack.

### The Bishop's Wife

Cary Grant, Loretta Young, David Niven, Monty Woolley, James Gleason, Gladys Cooper.

Cary Grant plays an angel who comes to earth and helps the Bishop (Niven) and his wife (Young) raise money for a new church.

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### Christmas in Connecticut

Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan, Sydney Greenstreet, Reginald Gardiner, S.K. Sakall, Robert Shane, Una O'Connor.

Stanwyck is a magazine writer who is an expert homemaker, who has to entertain a war veteran (Morgan) and her boss (Greenstreet).

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### A Christmas Story

Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon, Ian Petrella, Scott Schwartz, Tedde Moore.

Movie about growing up the 1940s. Billingsley plays the young boy and we discover the simple yearnings, like wanting to own a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

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### A Christmas Carol

Alastair Sim, Jack Warner, Kathleen Harrison, Mervyn Johns, Hermione Baddeley, Clifford Mollison.

Sim is outstanding as Scrooge. It is an excellent portrayal of Charles Dickens' famous Christmas classic.

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### All I Want for Christmas

Harley Jane Kozak, Jamey Sheridan, Ethan Randall, Kevin Nealon, Thora Birch, Leslie Nielsen, Lauren Bacall.

Two kids (Randall and Birch) try to get their divorced parents back together again for the Christmas holidays.

### Other popular Christmas-time movies to rent

"The Nutcracker"

"Miracle on 34th Street"

"The Muppet Christmas Carol"

"Scrooged"

"Home Alone"

"Babes in Toyland"

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"

"Holiday Inn"

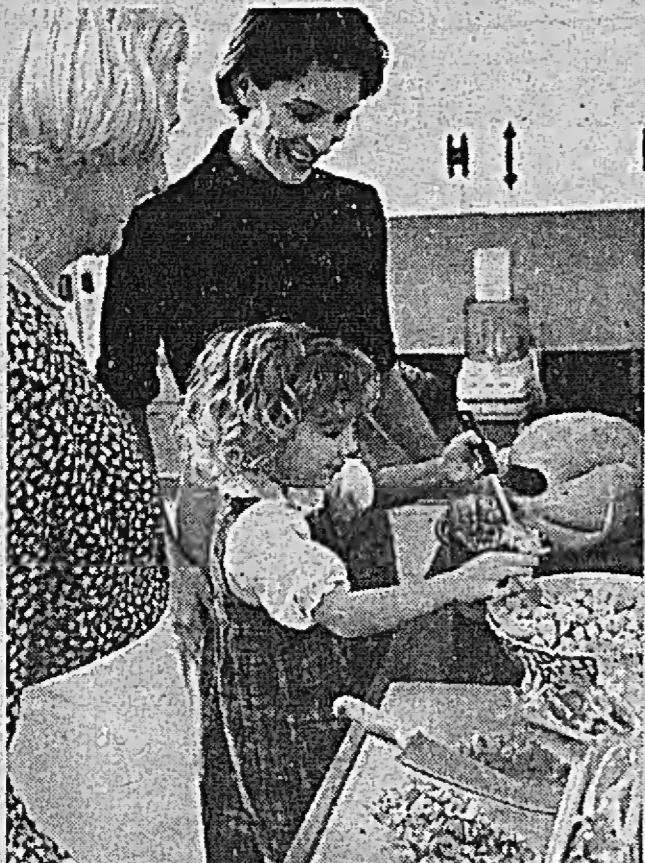
"The Santa Clause"

"Jack Frost"

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"Trading Place"



# Here they come... the out-of-town holiday guests

Oh you'd better not shout, you'd better not pout -- because the holidays are near and, ready or not, so are your out-of-town holiday guests. While hosting an extended brood of family members and friends can be both expensive and stressful, there are many ways to keep costs down and make the visit fun for everyone (including yourself).

## A few preparation tips:

- Send clear invitations. An easy way to avoid the potential of guests overextending their visits is to send friendly and festive invitations in advance that highlight the beginning and end, of the holiday event.
- Plan the menus ahead of time. Feeding the hungry masses can become expensive for extended visits. Hosts and hostesses can reduce costs significantly by planning menus in advance and then stocking up on necessary ingredients during sales.
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- Prepare an itinerary. Plan a few key activities for the entire group -- dinners, tree-trimming, an evening of cookie baking or sledding -- and let the guests know when each will take place. (Building holiday activities into the agenda also relieves the host of having to have everything done before the guests arrive).
- Load up. Buy, rent or borrow (from friends or neighbors) a variety of videos, books and current magazines that can be spread throughout the house for people to enjoy during unscheduled time.

## And, when the visitors arrive:

• Make time for free time. Too much togetherness is never a good thing. Be sure and allow for periods of free time so guests can do their own thing. If you have extra vehicles, provide them with a set of car keys and a map of the area. If you're located near a subway or bus transportation, provide everyone with schedules.

• Keep breakfast and lunch simple. Unless you just can't get enough cooking, keep breakfast and lunch easy. For breakfast, consider setting the coffeemaker and preparing a tray of pastries, muffins and bagels before bed so guests can eat whenever they wake up. For lunch, put out some cold cuts and sandwich fixings or make a quick pot of chili.

• Accept help when it's offered. No need to be a superhero when hosting overnight visitors. Most guests really do mean it when they ask if there's anything they can do. Accepting their offers not only helps prevent you from tiring, but also gives guests a sense that they're "earning their keep," and time to enjoy you!

• Don't sweat the small stuff. Realize that family gatherings rarely go exactly as planned. Unexpected things come up. It's not always perfect. By recognizing this, and simply appreciating this opportunity for quality time with loved ones, you'll help everyone to relax during their stay, and look forward to the next holiday gathering.

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